

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 03-32**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PROPOSITION NO. 5, PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2003 REGULAR ELECTION AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDING SUPPORT UP TO \$250,000 TO ASSIST IN COMPLETION OF THE WASILLA RECREATION BOND PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE MATANUSKA – SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla strongly supports recreational and leisure activities as an enriching and necessary part of our community life; and

WHEREAS, the development of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, regional parks, trails, neighborhood parks and public access to water bodies have not kept pace with the fast growing population in and around the Greater Wasilla Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla, the City of Palmer, and the Matanuska Susitna Borough have worked collaboratively to implement and support Proposition No. 5 as a way to support the increased demand for recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the support and passing of Proposition No. 5 will provide an economic boost to the businesses and residents of the City of Wasilla, the City of Palmer and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Proposition No. 5, Park and Recreational Facility Capital Improvement Bonds for the October 7, 2003 Regular Borough Election; and

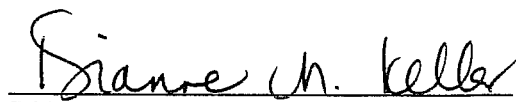
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of Proposition No. 5, the City of Wasilla will allocate funding support up to \$250,000 to assist in completion of the Wasilla Recreation bond projects funded by the Matanuska –Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on September 22, 2003.

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

[SEAL]



CITY OF WASILLA
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WASILLA, AK 99654-7091
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TO: Wasilla City Council
THRU: Mayor Dianne M. Keller *DMK*
FROM: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard
DATE: September 16, 2003
SUBJECT: Resolution Serial No. 03-32

SUMMARY:

I am requesting support of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Proposition No. 5, Related to Parks and Recreational Facility Capital Improvement Bonds. The resolution also pledges up to \$250,000 towards the completion of Wasilla Recreation bond projects funded upon the passage of Proposition 5.

The following support documents are attached for your review:

- A copy of the project nomination letter as submitted by Mayor Keller;
- Wasilla Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution Serial No. 02-01, supporting Proposition No. 5;
- MSB Ordinance Serial No. 03-120 with related documentation, placing the question on the ballot, adopted by the Borough Assembly; and
- MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board Resolution Serial No. 03-05, supporting Proposition No. 5.

FISCAL IMPACT: If yes, amount requested: \$250,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption of Resolution Serial No. 03-32.

DIANNE M. KELLER
MAYOR

CITY OF WASILLA
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July 15, 2003

Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Attn: John Duffy, Borough Manager
350 E. Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear John:

Enclosed is the rewording for the projects nominated by the City of Wasilla for the Borough's Parks and Recreation Bond. I hope that this will aid the Assembly in their discussion of projects for the Parks and Recreation Bond.

As seen in the description for the field projects, we are recommending that funding from the bond be used in conjunction with funding from the City of Wasilla to construct recreation fields on lands adjacent to the Multi-Use Sports Complex Building. The initial construction will be a regulation-size soccer field with spectator seating, electrical service and irrigation for maintenance. After the construction of the soccer field, a baseball field would be constructed with the remaining funds.

By using land adjacent to the Sports Complex, it will allow the fields to be supported by the infrastructure and facilities of the Sports complex. In fact, the Sports Complex was designed with the assumption that the fields next to the Sports Complex would use the facilities such as the dressing rooms and parking at the Sports Complex. The City of Wasilla understands that the Borough must own the land that the fields are on and believes that the City can comply with that requirement. If for some unforeseen reason the Borough cannot use the land adjacent to the Sports Complex, the City would recommend that the Borough construct the fields on land at the Bumpus Sports complex as an alternative to lands adjacent to the Multi-Use Sports Complex.

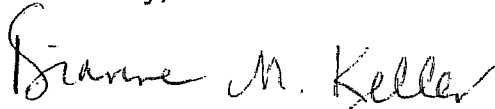
The City of Wasilla is recommending that the Borough also use bond funds in conjunction with funding from the City of Wasilla and grants to acquire land for development of trails, construction of trail sections and trail amenities for the Lake-to-Lake, the South Mack Drive, Iditarod, and Big Lake-North trails. The City of Wasilla has spent city and grants funds to develop the trailhead for these trails.

Once the field projects and trail projects are completed, it is the City's understanding that the City will take responsibility for the cost of operating and maintaining the trails and fields. The City will work with the Borough to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the operation and maintenance of the trails and fields.

The City of Wasilla believes that the development and construction of these outdoor recreation facilities and trail improvements will be very beneficial to the residents of the Borough and help to satisfy the demand for sports and leisure activities in the Borough. Also, since the projects will be used in conjunction with facilities being built such as the Sports Complex, it will provide the Borough with facilities that can be used to host regional, state and national tournaments, which will provide an economic boost to the businesses of the Borough and the City.

If you have any more questions regarding the projects being nominated by the City, please feel free to contact me at 373-9055. The City looks forward to working with the Borough in serving the Borough residents through these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne M. Keller".

Mayor Dianne M. Keller
City of Wasilla

Enc.: Project Descriptions and diagram of Multi-Use Sports Complex site

Baseball Field and Soccer Field Complex, \$500,000

Nominated by the City of Wasilla

The funding would be used in conjunction with funding from the City of Wasilla to construct recreational fields. The initial construction would be for a regulation size soccer fields with amenities such as spectator seating, electrical service and irrigation, and then for the construction of a baseball field. After construction of the fields is completed, the City of Wasilla will take responsibility to maintain and operate the fields.

Trail Development and Construction of Trail Amenities, \$400,000

Nominated By the City of Wasilla.

The funding would be used in conjunction with funding from the City of Wasilla and grants to acquire land for development of trails and construction of trail sections and trail amenities for the Lake to Lake, the South Mack Drive, Iditarod and Big Lake-North trails. The City of Wasilla will take responsibility for maintenance of the developed trails and amenities.

CITY OF WASILLA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 02-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S PROPOSITION NO. 5 RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, TO BE VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2003, REGULAR ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough regular election to be held on October 7, 2003 includes Proposition No. 5 related to Park and Recreational Facility Capital Improvement Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Wasilla has carefully considered and discussed the merits of this proposal; and

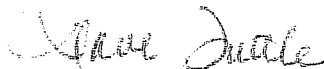
WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla serves approximately 40,000 residents of the borough and city that will use the outdoor sports fields, trailheads and playground equipment; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreational facility improvements will enhance the quality of life for longtime residents of the city and borough; and

WHEREAS, The proposed improvements included in Proposition No. 5 will include: \$500,000 for outdoor ball fields at the new sports complex; \$250,000 for playground equipment and improvements; and \$400,000 for construction of trailheads and amenities relating to Iditapark, South Mack, Iditarod and Wasilla to Big Lake trails.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission that they support the passage of Proposition No. 5, Park and Recreational Facility Capital Improvements Bonds to be voted upon at the October 7, 2003, regular borough election.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on September 10, 2003.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chairperson

ATTEST:



TONYA CRIBB, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Non-Code Ordinance

By: J. Duffy
Introduced: 06/24/03
Public Hearing: 07/15/03
Adopted: 07/15/03
Motion to Reconsider Failed: 07/15/03

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 03-120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,375,000 TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COSTS OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2003, ELECTION.

WHEREAS, under MSB 1.10.120 the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (the "borough") exercises parks and recreation powers on an areawide basis; and

WHEREAS, the assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the borough and in furtherance of the public purposes of the borough to design, acquire and construct park and recreational facility capital improvements, and to finance the design, acquisition and construction of those capital improvements by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the borough; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of AS 29.47.190, a municipality may incur general obligation debt only after a bond authorization ordinance is approved by a majority of those voting on the question at a regular or special election; and

WHEREAS, the borough views the park and recreational facility capital improvements authorized herein as necessary and beneficial to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough:

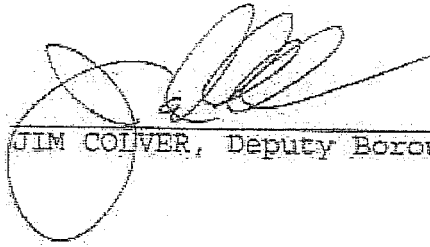
Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. It is hereby determined to be for a public purpose and in the public interest of the borough to incur general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed five million three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$5,375,000) for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition and construction of park and recreational facility capital improvements in the borough, and to provide for the costs of the issuance of such bonds.

Section 3. The borough is authorized to borrow the sum of not to exceed five million three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$5,375,000) to finance the capital improvements described in Section 2, and the borrowing shall be evidenced by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the borough. The full faith and credit of the borough is pledged for payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the borough shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due.

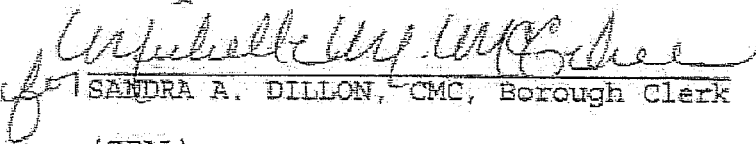
Section 4. The borough shall submit the following proposition to the qualified voters of the borough at the October 7, 2003, regular borough election. The proposition must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question to be approved.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15
day of July, 2003.



JIM COLVER, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



SANDRA A. DILLON, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Bush, Allen, Colberg, Kvalheim, Simpson,
Colver, and Ladere

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to issue general obligations bonds to finance parks and recreation projects throughout the borough and to submit the question to qualified voters of the borough at the October 7, 2003 borough election.

AGENDA OF: June 24, 2003

ASSEMBLY ACTION: OR 03-120 (Adopted without objection 07/15/03 CH)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN DUFFY, BOROUGH MANAGER: John Duffy
 JD

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
1	Originator	JSD	6/11/03
2	Community Development	JSD	
3	Public Works Director	JSD 6/11/03	
4	Finance Director	JEL	6/11/03
5	Borough Attorney	TSW 6/12/03	Ordinance reviewed by borough council.
6	Borough Clerk	JSD (H)	6/16/03

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: Yes X No _____
 Exhibit "A" (3 pp)
 Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Board
 Resolution Serial No. 03-05 (2 pp)
 Ordinance Serial No. 03-120 (4 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Recreational and leisure activities are a part of our daily lives and are beneficial to the communities throughout the borough. Over the years the development of facilities to support recreational and leisure activities, both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, and trails has not kept pace with the borough's population growth.

The list of projects attached as Exhibit "A" cover a wide spectrum of various types of activities and sports. Some of the projects will provide recreational opportunities in areas where none exist or where population has increased and demands for expanded facilities are necessary. Other projects will provide our existing facilities with much needed replacement of worn out equipment.

The borough does not have the needed facilities to support the demand for organized sport activities, particularly youth activities. Also, some of our existing facilities need, notably equipment and facilities used by younger children and our youth, are not safe and need repair or replacement to be ADA compliant.

The additions and improvements to our facilities will provide an opportunity for our borough residents to host many state, regional, and national sporting tournaments that will provide an economic boost to our communities and businesses.

The projects, including issuance costs, as shown on Exhibit "A" total \$5,375,000. The estimated annual debt service would be approximately \$420,000 over 20 years. Based on our current assessed value, that would equate to less than .13 mills, or less than 13 one-hundredths of a mill, per year. The approximate amount of taxes for a \$100,000 home would be \$12.40 per year.

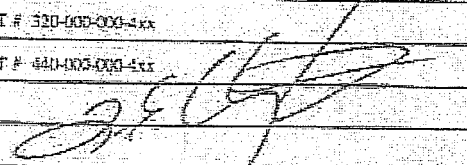
With the assembly's concurrence, the ballot proposition would be presented to the voters at the October 7, 2003, election.

MATANUSKA-SUSTINA BOROUGH FISCAL NOTE

Agency Date: June 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Issuance of G.O. Bonds for Parks and Recreation Projects

ORIGINATOR: Ron Swanson, Community Development

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT (YES/NO)
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ - See below	FUNDING SOURCE
FROM ACCOUNT # 320-000-000-4xx	PROJECT #
FROM ACCOUNT # 640-000-000-4xx	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: 	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE:	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous Debt Service			420.	420.	420.	420.
TOTAL OPERATING			420	420	420	420

CAPITAL		5,375.				
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
General Fund			420.	420.	420.	420.
State/Federal Funds						
Other Bond Proceeds		5,375.				
TOTAL		5,375.	420.	420.	420.	420.

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

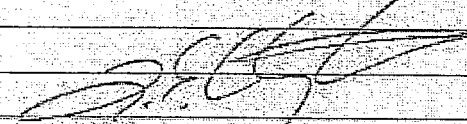
PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____
 DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: _____
 APPROVED BY:  DATE: 6/11/03

EXHIBIT "A"

PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS

All Nominations Total \$ 5,191,000

Issuance costs \$184,000

TOTAL BOND PACKAGE \$5,375,000

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (total all projects, \$2,858,000)

Bogard Softball, \$400,000

Nominated by Mat-Su Softball Association

Completion of 5 field complex to include access improvements, irrigation system, well and septic, electrical, concession/restroom building, seating, play areas, etc.

Palmer Ice Arena, \$1,500,000

Nominated by the City of Palmer

This funding will provide for a portion of the Phase I construction cost for an ice arena. The city has purchased used ice arena equipment for approximately \$300,000. If the bond funding is available, the city will supplement that funding with city and grant funds to provide the estimated \$2.3 million cost of Phase I of the project.

Wasilla Recreation Projects, \$500,000

Nominated by the City of Wasilla

Alcantra Phase II, \$350,000

Concession/restroom building, water and septic, well house, amphitheater, picnic sites, Tot lot playground, trail connections, pavilions, ball field improvements. (See October 2002 Master Plan update)

Big Lake, \$108,000

Nominated by the Big Lake Elementary PTA and Jordan Lake Citizens Advisory Group

Facilities to be added to the Big Lake ball fields/ recreation area and library

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- 2 Pavilion and picnic areas (Big Lake recreational fields and library) (\$60,000)
- Vault Toilet (\$40,000)
- Sledding Hill (\$8,000)

REGIONAL PARKS (total all projects, \$1,068,000)

Lake Lucille (Total \$263,000)

- Install dump station and bring in electricity (DEC requirement) (\$135,000)
- Expansion of parking lot and construct new pavilion located at a point on the lake shore (\$40,000)
- Trail upgrades (widen some, elevate some and establish geo-tech) (\$30,000)
- Picnic tables at camp sites and pavilions (\$18,000)
- Soccer field well, pump and field irrigation (\$25,000)
- Gravel base for roads, parking areas and camping areas (\$15,000)

Matanuska River Park (Total \$90,000)

- Vault Toilets at lower campground (\$70,000)
- Trail and viewing area construction (\$20,000)

Little Susitna (Total \$210,000)

Nominated by the City of Houston

- Boat launching area and elevated walkways (\$50,000)
- Picnic tables (\$30,000)
- General campground and facility improvements (gravel roads, pull through camping spots, pavilion repairs, etc.) (\$100,000)
- Camp host site to install water, sewer and power (\$30,000)

Goose Creek (\$350,000)

Camper and park renovation at Goose Creek (former 80 acre community center site located across the Parks Highway from the Upper Susitna Shooters property near Montana Creek). The site has great potential for a regional park and has a LAWCON grant associated with it that precludes any other type of development. Has year round potential for trails, camping, fishing, picnicking, etc.

Christiansen Lake Park (Total \$75,000)

- Camping area (\$15,000)
- Small boat launch (\$60,000)

Big Lake Boat Launch and Day Use Area (\$80,000)

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Recommended by the Department of Public Works

- Completion of boat launch area to include paving launch, parking area, road access, improve drainage, signage, restrooms, etc.

LOCAL TRAILS (total all projects \$400,000)

Trails and Trailheads located in Wasilla (\$400,000)

Nominated by the City of Wasilla

REGIONAL TRAILS (total all projects \$450,000)

Continue with reserving right-of-ways, marking and constructing regional trails that are in the Recreational Trails Plan throughout the borough. Priorities will be set by the Parks, Recreational and Trails Advisory Board and approved by the Assembly.

HATCHER PASS NORDIC TRAILS (\$150,000)

Design, engineering and beginning construction of Nordic ski trails and facilities on the South side of Hatcher Pass.

POCKET AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (total all projects, \$250,000)

Nominated by the cities of Palmer, Houston, Wasilla and the communities of Sutton, Chickaloon, Big Lake, Willow, Talkeetna and Trapper Creek

- Playground equipment and improvements to local pocket and neighborhood parks throughout the borough.

LAKE ACCESS (total all projects, \$15,000)

Nominated by "Y" Community Council

- Provide legal access and small boat launch at Benka Lake.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION 03-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD URGING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,550,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, EQUIPPING AND UPGRADING OF OUTDOOR AND INDOOR RECREATIONAL SUPPORT FACILITIES, TRAILS AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2003 BOROUGH ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board ("Board") was created to advise the Borough Assembly and Borough Manager on parks, recreation and trails issues throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, The Board strongly supports the concept that recreation and leisure activities are an integral part of our Borough resident's lives and that is why many of them have chosen the Borough to be their home; and

WHEREAS, the Board, while working with the public, non-profit and community organizations has found that the development and maintenance of facilities to support recreational and leisure activities has not kept pace with the Borough's population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Borough does not have the needed facilities to support the demand for sport and leisure activities, particularly youth activities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough does not have the required facilities to host many state, regional and national sporting tournaments which would provide an economic boost to the Borough and businesses located in the Borough; and

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WHEREAS, the Board feels that recreational facilities, regional parks, trails, neighborhood parks and public access to water bodies are necessary to support activities that are a daily part of our lives and are beneficial to our communities; and

WHEREAS, some of the existing facilities, notably equipment and facilities used by younger children and youth, are not safe and need repair or replacement to be also ADA compliant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's operating budget has not kept pace with required large maintenance, improvement and development of needed facilities for recreation and leisure facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board generally supports the list of projects that is attached titled Proposed Bond Projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board urges the Borough Assembly to submit the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$6,550,000 to finance the acquisition, construction, development, equipping and upgrading of outdoor and indoor recreational and support facilities, trails and related capital improvements throughout the Borough to the qualified voters of the Borough at the October 7, 2003 general election.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this 27th day of May, 2003.



BISHOP T. BUCKLE, Chairman

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