

Introduced by: Tupper
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Action: Enacted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2024-025**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE HOMER CYCLING CLUB
AND FRIENDS OF KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK TO ESTABLISH HIKING,
BIKING, OR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS IN THE COTTONWOOD-EASTLAND UNIT OF
KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Park is Alaska’s first state park, encompassing an area of 400,000 acres of mountains, forests, coastline and glaciers; and

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood Eastland Management Unit, covering 2,643 acres within Kachemak Bay State Park is located on the north side of Kachemak Bay making it accessible from the road system; and

WHEREAS, the management plan for the Cottonwood Eastland Unit identifies the need for more intensive multi-modal trail based recreation opportunities and the development of associated facilities to accommodate current and future recreation use; and

WHEREAS, there are no Alaska State Park approved trails in the Cottonwood Eastland Management Unit; and

WHEREAS, community input, including from the local neighborhood, received during the public comment period July-August 2022 was overwhelmingly in favor of trails in Cottonwood Eastland; no negative comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Homer Cycling Club and the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park have engaged and paid for trail contractors to do trail layout with the intent of constructing those trails; and

WHEREAS, an Recreational Trails Program (“RTP”) grant will be applied for to help pay for the construction of these trails; and

WHEREAS, the RTP grant and any other grants applied for requires a letter of support or resolution from the local governing body which is the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Assembly supports the efforts of Homer Cycling Club and Friends of Kachemak Bay State Parks to establish trails in the Cottonwood-Eastland Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park. The Assembly supports efforts to obtain a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for this purpose and supports efforts to obtain any other grants that may be available to build and maintain trails in in the Cottonwood-Eastland Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park. The Assembly encourages the Mayor to send a letter of support that effectuates the intent and purpose of this resolution.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: None