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Thank you for allowing me to submit another comment regarding Ordinance 2020-06. In that, I would like to remind you of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted on November 5, 2019. Under Goal 1, on page 56, it is stated "(...better trails, more winter recreation options, attractive and walkable communities with year-round activities) can also bring real quality of life and health benefits to residents." Also, on page 66, under Objective E, Example e: to "focus efforts on developing a single, signature destination trail that can draw visitors worldwide."

Shimai Toshi Garden Trail project explicitly meets these criteria as set forth within Goal 1. As this trail system matures, it will draw international visitors along with encouraging tourists to remain in this area longer (consistent with Statewide initiative "One More Day") . Since it will be open to the public year round, it increases the walkable space for our community, which is otherwise not present. The health benefits that a garden system such as this provides those that visit are exponential.

This Trail system is an easy, ready made means of meeting several points on the Comprehensive Plan that this Assembly agreed upon this past November. I encourage you to vote in favor of Ordinance 2020-06. Respectfully,  
Sarah Pyhala