



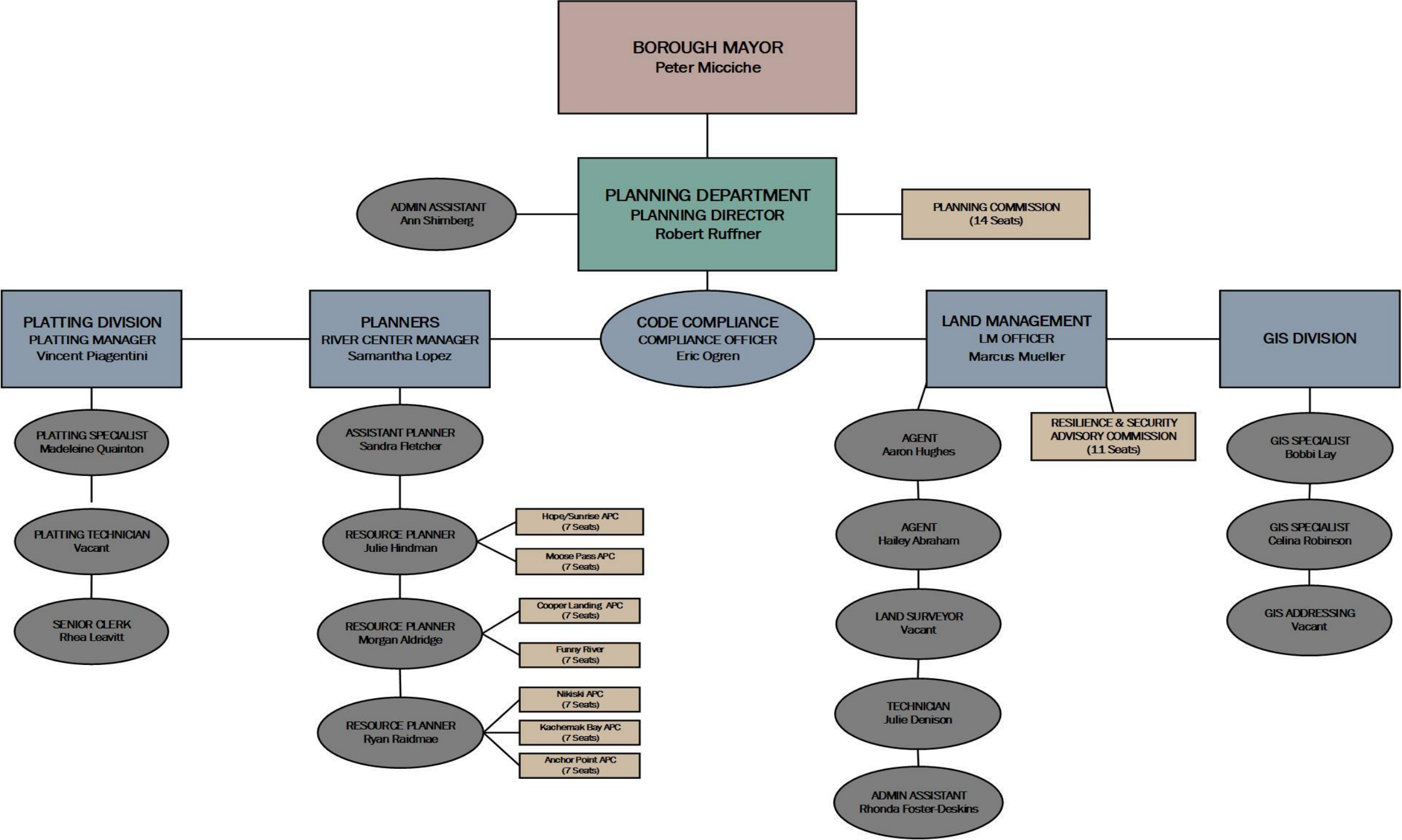
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

FY 2024 Proposed Budget

The KPB Resource Planning Department consists of four divisions:

- Planning & Platting Divisions
- Land Management
- Geographic Information Services
- Donald E. Gilman River Center

Department oversees all planning, zoning and platting powers on an areawide basis within the rural district of the borough. The department provides information and assistance to other municipalities, local community groups, and the general public regarding subdivision regulations, local option zoning, land use regulations and land use planning.



Department Financial overview*

| EXPENDITURE SUMMARY - RESOURCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TOTALS | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Category | FY23 Original Budget | FY24 Proposed Budget | Change |
| Personnel | \$ 2,188,721 | \$ 2,239,534 | \$ 50,813 |
| Supplies | \$ 48,900 | \$ 55,795 | \$ 6,895 |
| Services | \$ 702,411 | \$ 763,255 | \$ 60,844 |
| Capital Outlay | \$ 40,325 | \$ 43,650 | \$ 3,325 |
| Transfers | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Interdepartmental Charges | \$ (115,682) | \$ (109,555) | \$ 6,127 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,864,675 | \$ 2,992,679 | \$ 128,004 |
| CHANGE | | | 4.47% |

* Excluding Land Management Division



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FY '23 Key Accomplishments

- Secured several grants to support Planning
 - Safe Streets For All (Planning Effort) - \$1M
 - Mitigation for Spruce Bark Beetle (Trees will get cut)- \$1.5M
 - Flood Mitigation in the Big Eddy Area (Planning Effort) - \$45k
 - Rain Garden at River Center (Construction) \$30K
- Advanced re-writing of the Gravel Pit Ordinance



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Long-term Challenges

- Managing volunteer Advisory Groups
- Improving web-base permitting interface
- Retention and Recruitment of Employees
- Ensuring we have adequate training and succession plans for technical employees that require specialized skillset



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

FY '24 Objectives and Highlights

- Develop KPB wide transportation plan
- Research and support website revision; seek to improve on-line permitting process
- Seek to understand and support housing needs across the KPB, initial focus in Seward and Homer
- Initiate new efforts to address Spruce Bark Beetle issues consistent with our Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Improve timing and efficiency on plat reviews

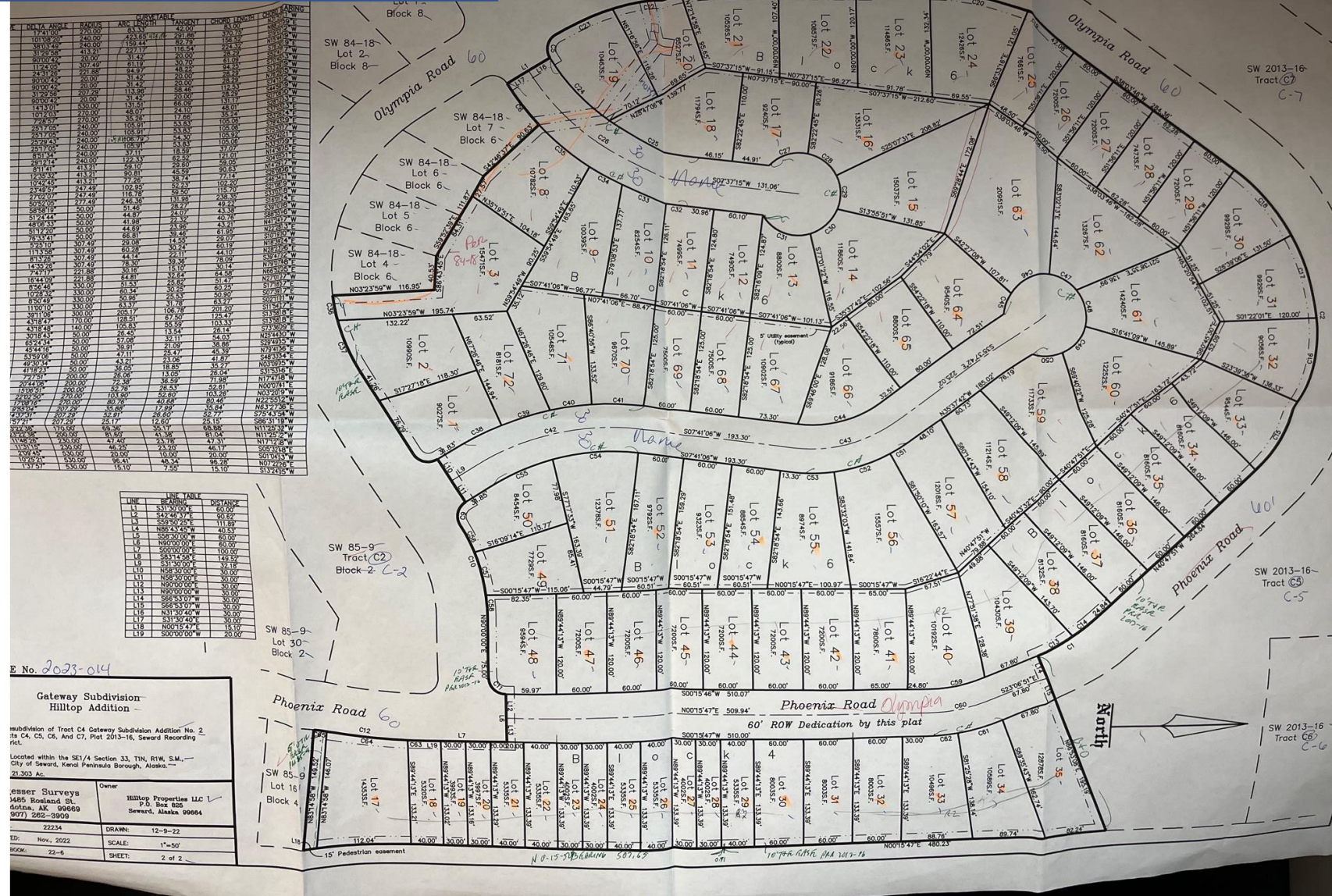


PLATTING/Resource Planning Division

3 Dedicated Platting Staff
Subdivision process is governed by
State Statute, typical subdivision
process takes 6 months start to
finish. Relies heavily on good
working relationship with
professional surveyors.

Summary goal – provide for orderly
development.

Also in this division we include our
Primary Front Desk, the sole Code
Enforcement Officer, 1 Planner,
Administrative Assistant and the
Director



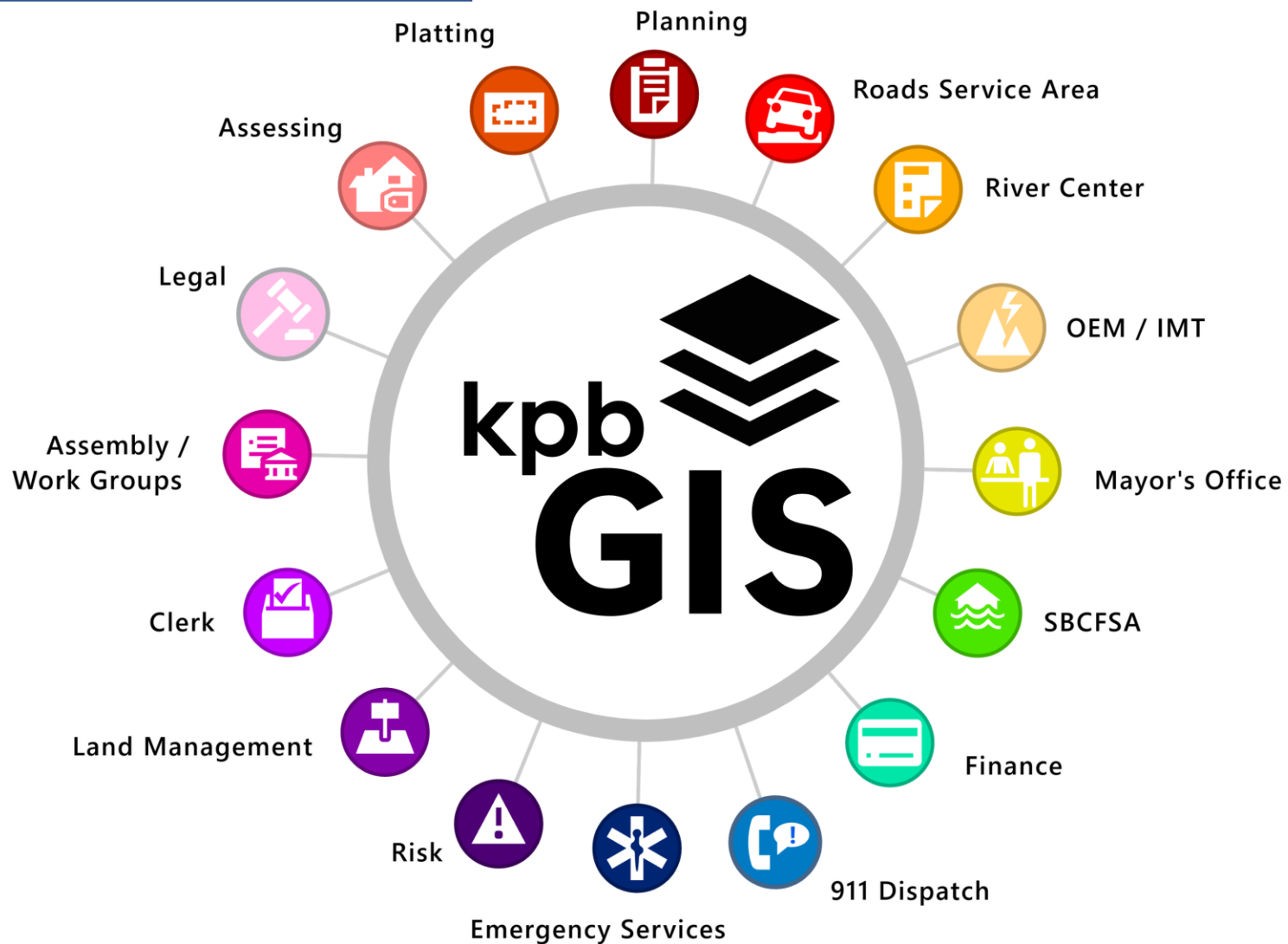


GIS DIVISION

By Far the most publicly used web pages are the parcel viewer suite.

HOWEVER – NOT JUST MAPS!
GIS is data rich resource that houses Critical information that can be displayed visually, but maintaining a vast underlying data is an essential element to almost every department.

3 – Staff positions, 1 dedicated to addressing





RIVER CENTER DIVISION

The Donald E. Gilman River Center is a multi-agency permitting, information, and education center.

We house several permitting agencies, streamlining the permitting process for landowners.

Mission:

Work cooperatively to protect the rivers of the Kenai Peninsula, its watersheds, and its fish & wildlife resources.





RIVER CENTER DIVISION

FY2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted & participated in several public outreach events
- Continued working with FEMA to adopt new regulatory floodplain maps for the Kenai River
- Successful FEMA audit of KPB's Floodplain Management Program
- Will obtain live flood-inundation maps for the Kenai River this summer
- Increased site visits
- Increased total tax credits & exemptions to landowners
- Assisted in providing training to APC's
- Created permit and complaint tracking system for Material Sites





RIVER CENTER DIVISION

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Big Eddy, 1995



Kenai River Ice Jam, 2007



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HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



River Center Bank Restoration, 2017



Kenai River, 2008



RIVER CENTER DIVISION

FY2024 OBJECTIVES & BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Objectives:

- Complete the public outreach phase of the floodplain mapping update for the Kenai River
- Increase post-project site visits, overall goal of 10%
- Continue to increase tax credits and exemptions given for projects near anadromous streams
- Host River Center Open House again in FY2024
- Implement installation and outreach phases of the Rain Garden project to educate the public regarding low-impact developments

Budget Highlights:

- Received Alaska Clean Water Action Grant to install Rain Garden
- Increase in postage, printing for costs associated with Kenai River floodplain map updates
- Ongoing office equipment upgrades
- Increased cost of office supplies noticed
- Effects and costs of an aging facility are starting to be felt
 - Continue working with Capital Projects to manage



RIVER CENTER DIVISION

LONG-TERM ISSUES & CONCERNS

River Center Overall:

- River Center's aging infrastructure
- Enforcement of compliance cases
- Support the multiple agencies at the River Center

Habitat:

- Habitat conversion
- Spruce bark beetle outbreak
- Address annual updates to *ADFG Anadromous Waters Catalog*

Floodplain:

- *21.06 Floodplain Management* code revision
- Final regulatory maps for Kenai River (ongoing)
- Provide training & assistance to incoming floodplain managers

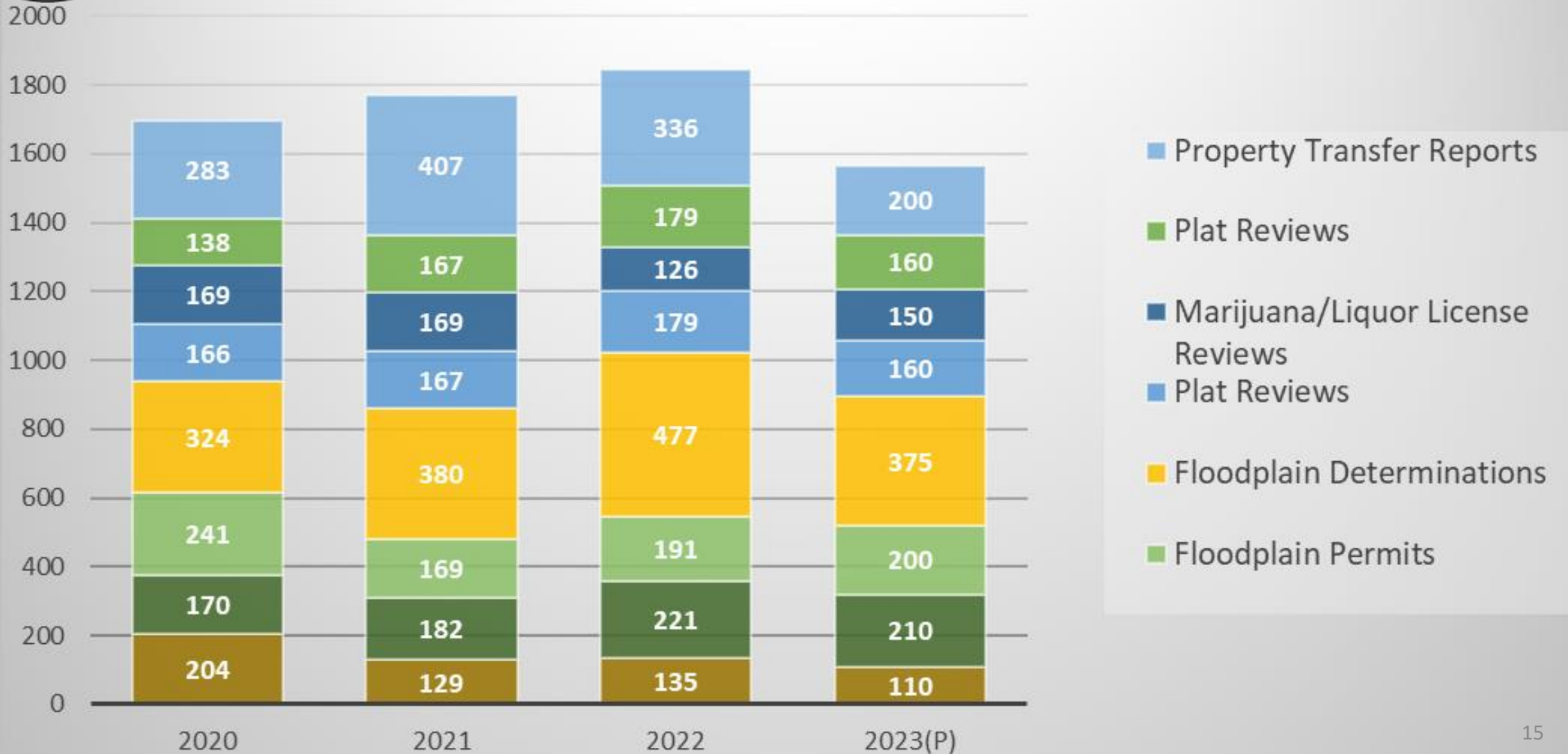
Planning & Zoning:

- *21.29 Material Site* code revision (ongoing)
- Management & support of diverse APC's
- Management of Local Option Zoning Districts



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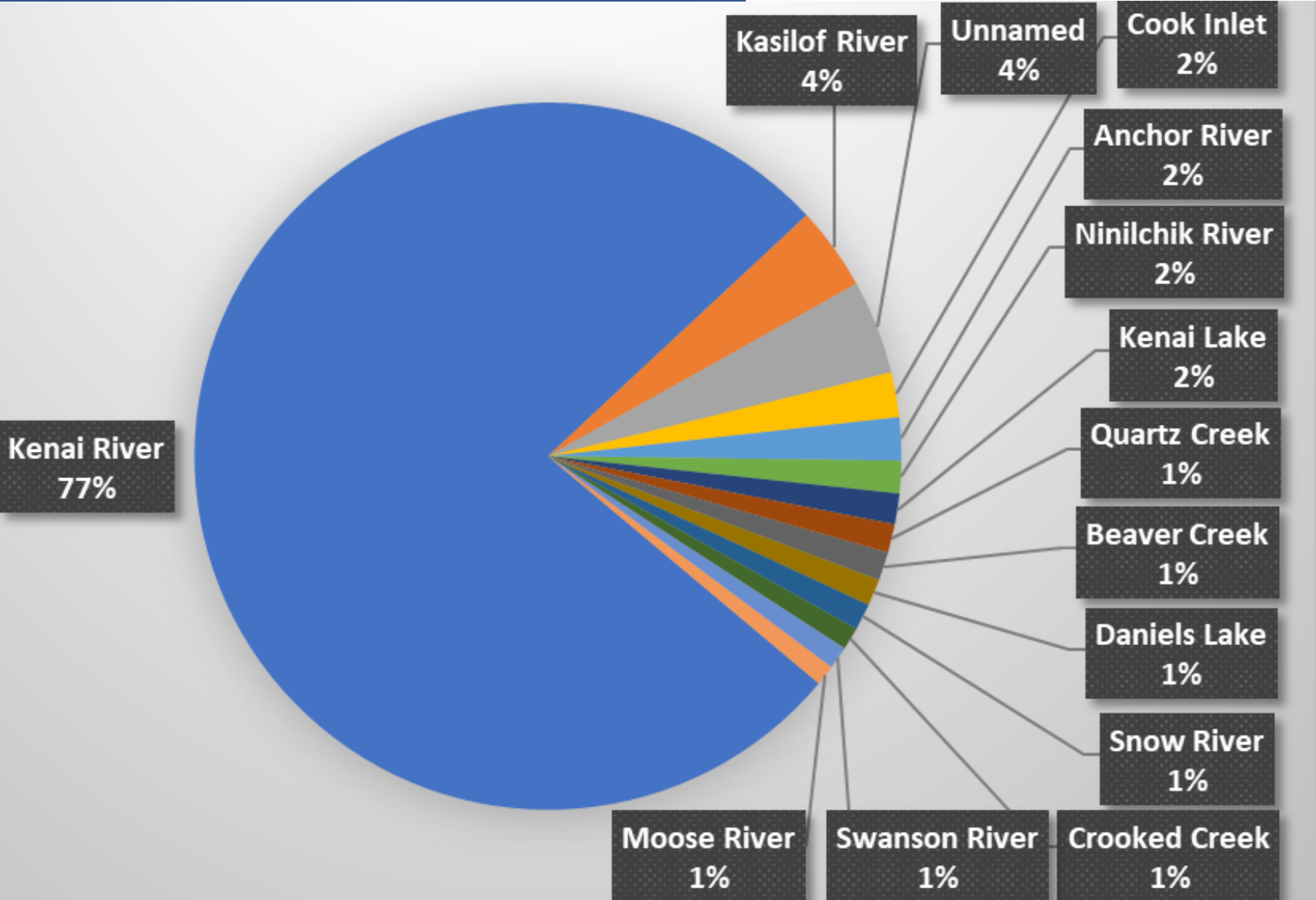
PERMITS & REVIEWS 2020-2023





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PERMITS BY WATERBODY

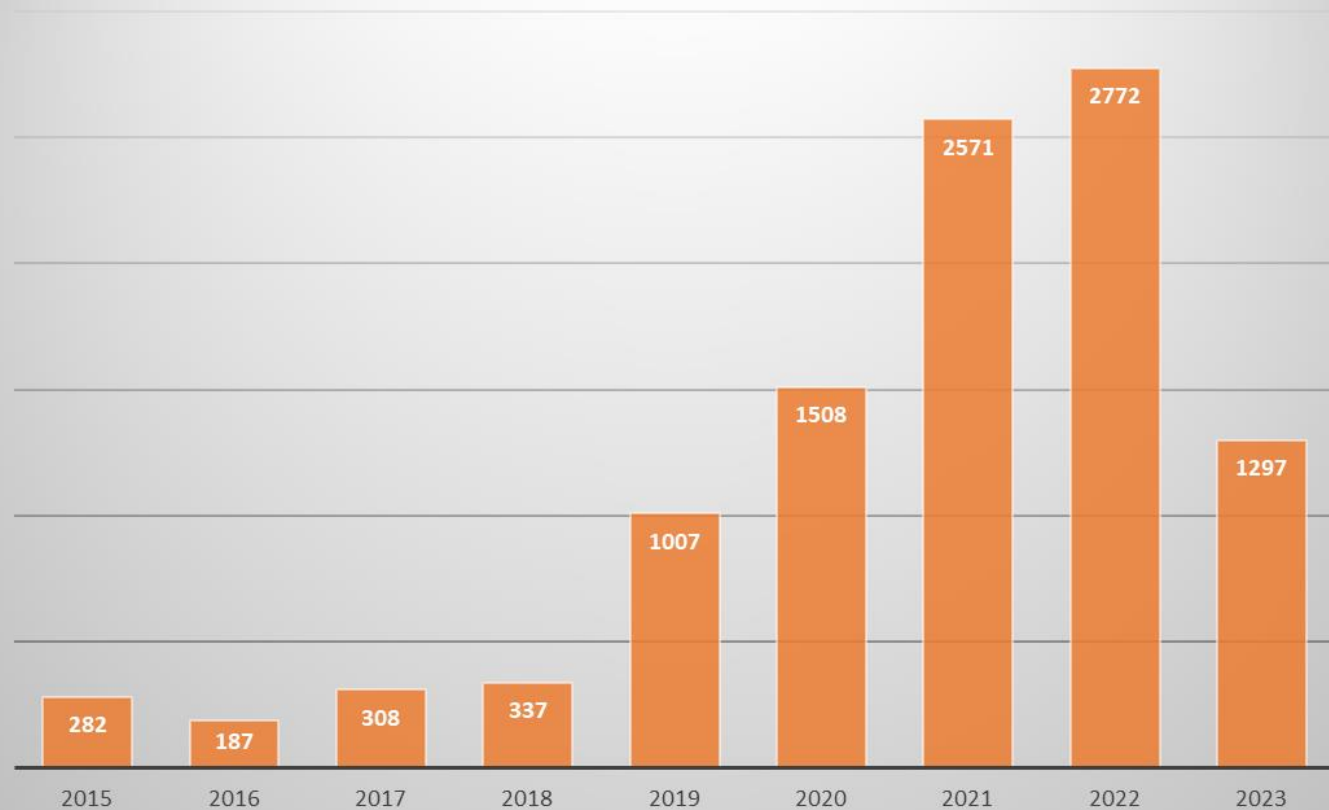




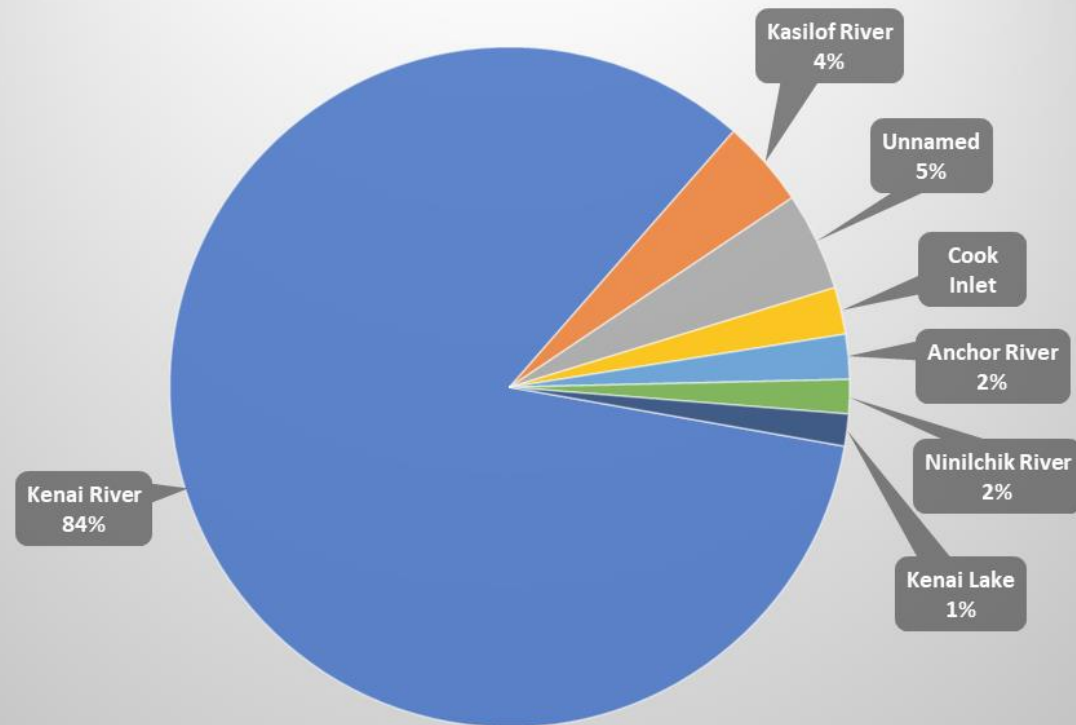
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TREES CUT IN HABITAT PROTECTION DISTRICT

Trees Cut in HPD Since 2015



% Trees Cut by Waterbody Since 2015





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TAX CREDITS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS



Before
Kenai River Property

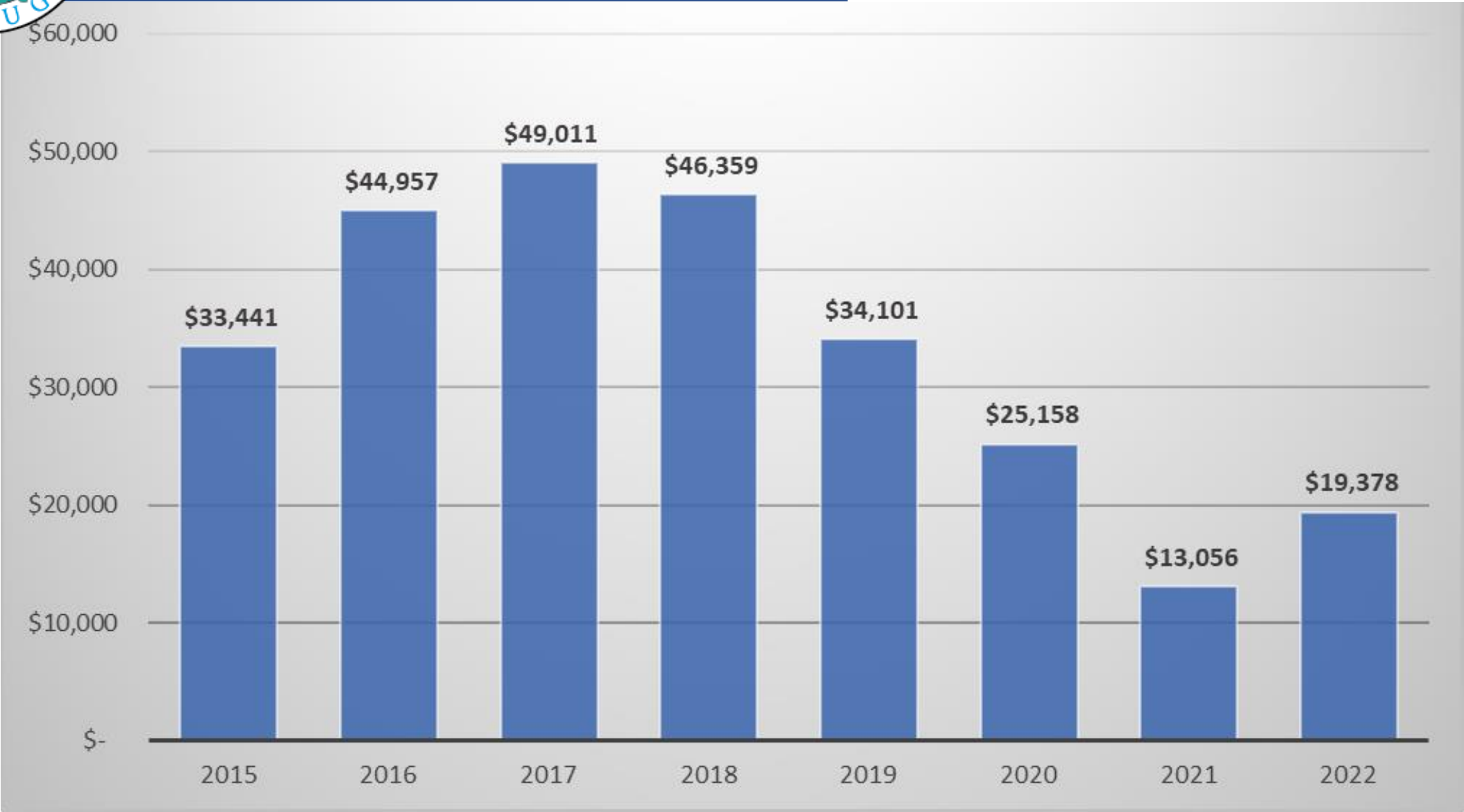


After
Kenai River Property



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TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RESTORATION STRUCTURES



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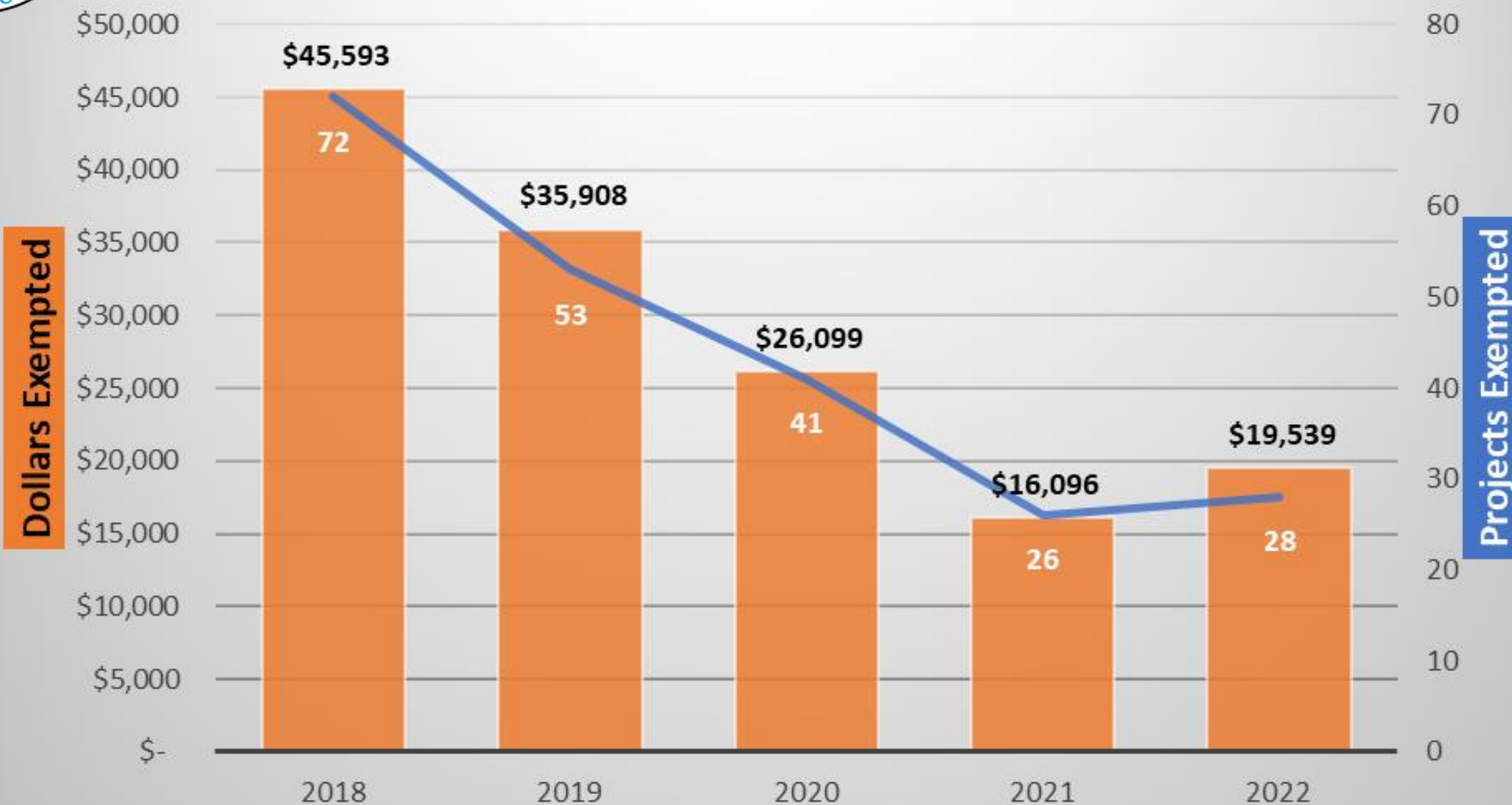


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COMMENTS / QUESTIONS



Kenai Watershed Forum's Adopt-A-Stream Program, 2002