

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department – Land Management Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *SLFR*
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *mam*
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FROM: Aaron Hughes, Land Management Agent *AH*

DATE: November 3, 2022

RE: Resolution 2022-056, Authorizing the Acquisition by Donation of Three Lots of Land Located in the Seward Area on Behalf of the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area (Mayor)

The Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area (“SBCFSA”) provides for flood planning and mitigation. A property owner has offered to donate two tax parcels consisting of three lots (1.4 Acres Total) that are within the Resurrection River historic braid plain to the Borough for conservation purposes. The SBCFSA recommended acquisition of the property to be used for conservation and possible future flood mitigation.

This acquisition would further the Borough Comprehensive Plan Land Use Objective D: *“Maintain quality of the borough’s natural environment, including protecting visual quality, minimizing development in hazardous areas, and developing strategies that help reduce and respond to impacts of changing environmental conditions. Strategy 2. Identify and protect the critical natural systems of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, its rivers, watersheds, floodplains and fish and wildlife habitats and resources.”*

The SBCFSA would be responsible for the costs associated with the acquisition including title insurance, and any closing related costs.

Your consideration of the resolution is appreciated.