

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Mike Tupper, Assembly Member *MT*

DATE: June 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution 2024-025, 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 (Tupper)

Located on the north side of Kachemak Bay State Park is the Cottonwood Eastland Management Unit (“Cottonwood”). Cottonwood covers roughly 2,643 acres and is accessible by road.

There are no state approved trails in Cottonwood. The current management plan for Cottonwood sets out the need for more intensive multi-modal trail-based recreation opportunities and facilities within Cottonwood to accommodate current and future trail-based recreation.

The Homer Cycling Club and the Friends of Kachemak State Park have retained trail contractors to do trail layouts for construction of trails with the assistance of a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant which has been applied for. The RTP grant, and any other grant applied for, require written support from the local governing body.

During the public comment period of July through August 2022, community and local neighborhood support was overwhelmingly in favor of trails in Cottonwood. No negative comments were received.

Your support would be appreciated.