

Introduced by: Tupper  
Date: 06/18/24  
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*

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Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

*Michele Turner*

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



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