

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the  
Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Heritage Land Bank  
For Reading: July 12, 2005

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
No. AR 2005- 165

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE APPROPRIATING TEN  
2 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FROM THE HERITAGE LAND BANK FUND (221) TO THE  
3 HERITAGE LAND BANK CAPITAL FUND (421), TO BE EXPENDED AS A CONTRIBUTION  
4 TO THE GREAT LAND TRUST FOR ACQUISITION OF THE FISH CREEK ESTUARY

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Great Land Trust was able to secure \$650,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
7 Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation program on behalf of the Fish Creek Estuary  
8 Protection Project; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage pledged \$10,000 to The Great Land Trust as part of the  
11 matching requirement for the project; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the project resulted in the acquisition and permanent protection of approximately 32  
14 acres of estuarine and buffering riparian upland habitat in Anchorage to the Parks and Recreation  
15 Department of the Municipality of Anchorage as Greenbelt and Open Space Acquisition; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the subject property fulfills the vision of the Heritage Land Bank  
18 and the Municipality of Anchorage by providing future generations with public open space and  
19 greenbelt space primarily along the Coastal Trail; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2005, the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission approved Resolution  
22 #2005-13, requesting Assembly approval for a contribution from the HLB Fund to the Great Land  
23 Trust to satisfy the pledge by the MOA as part of the matching requirement for the project,  
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:**  
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27 **Section 1.** The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) from the Heritage Land Bank  
28 General Fund (221) is appropriated for the Heritage Land Bank Capital Fund (421) as a contribution  
29 for land acquisition on behalf of the Fish Creek estuary.  
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31 **Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Assembly.  
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33 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
34 2005.  
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36 Anna L. Fairclough  
37 Chairman of the Assembly

38 ATTEST:  
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40 Jonathan S. Brundage  
41 Municipal Clerk



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 469 -2005

Meeting Date: July 12, 2005

FROM: MAYOR

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE APPROPRIATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FROM THE HERITAGE LAND BANK FUND (221) TO THE HERITAGE LAND BANK CAPITAL FUND (421), TO BE EXPENDED AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREAT LAND TRUST FOR ACQUISITION OF THE FISH CREEK ESTUARY

In 2002, a Cooperative Agreement between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and The Great Land Trust was signed to protect through acquisition the estuarine and adjacent wetlands of the Fish Creek estuary more particularly described as Tract A-1, Turnagain Heights Subdivision (see map, Appendix A).

As a result of the agreement, Great Land Trust was able to secure \$650,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation program on behalf of the Fish Creek Estuary Protection Project. In return, the Municipality of Anchorage pledged \$10,000 to The Great Land Trust as part of the matching requirement for the project (Appendix B).

The project resulted in the acquisition and permanent protection of approximately 32 acres of estuarine and buffering riparian upland habitat in Anchorage to the Parks and Recreation Department of the Municipality of Anchorage as Greenbelt and Open Space Acquisition.

The acquisition of the subject property fulfills the vision of the Heritage Land Bank and the Municipality of Anchorage by providing future generations with public open space and greenbelt space primarily along the Coastal Trail, and revenue in the Heritage Land Bank fund may be appropriated by the Mayor and the Anchorage Assembly to the HLB Capital Fund only for the acquisition of land for municipal use, per AMC 25.40.035.C.

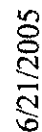
On June 9, 2005, the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the HLB Fund (221) to its Capital Fund (421) to be expended on behalf of the Municipality of Anchorage to Great Land Trust as a contribution towards acquisition of this land (Appendix C).

Sufficient funds are available in the HLB General Fund (221) to cover this appropriation.

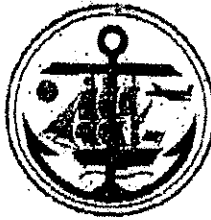
THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATION OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FROM THE HERITAGE LAND BANK FUND (221) FOR THE HERITAGE LAND BANK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (421) FOR LAND ACQUISITION ON BEHALF OF THE FISH CREEK ESTUARY.

Prepared by: Robin E. Ward, HLB Director  
Concur: Mary Jane Michael, Office of Economic & Community Development Director  
Concur: Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager  
Fund Certification: Jeffrey E. Sinz, Chief Fiscal Officer  
221-0740 \$10,000  
( HLB Fund Balance)  
Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES

June 18, 2001

Frank Rue  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
333 Raspberry Road  
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Fish Creek Protection Project

Dear Mr. Rue:

I am writing this letter in support of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant proposal to conserve the Fish Creek Estuary. As Director of the Anchorage Department of Cultural and Recreational Services, I recognize the significance of the Estuary to the community of Anchorage and support this collaborative effort to protect it.

The Municipality worked with Great Land Trust, resource agencies and community groups to identify Fish Creek for permanent protection. Regional and municipal coastal management plans and municipal park plans highlight its importance for wildlife and people and prioritize it for conservation. The Estuary provides a valuable wildlife corridor and habitat buffer for diverse species of fish, birds and large mammals. Located along the popular Coastal Trail, Fish Creek is a natural oasis in an urban environment enjoyed by a diverse population of citizens. This project will provide direct educational benefits by educating Anchorage residents about wetlands and estuaries through targeted outreach, public presentations and site-specific interpretative signage. The public will benefit from maintaining Fish Creek's natural character, scenic viewshed and recreational opportunities along the trail.

Funding from the National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program would enable to project partners to:

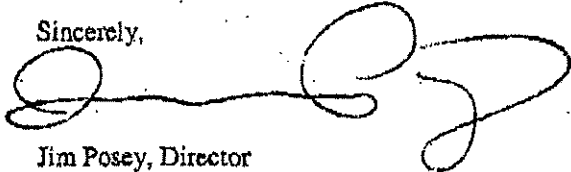
- Protect the *last* undeveloped estuary out of the original seven salmon streams in the Anchorage Bowl;
- Foster and build private-public partnerships to meet land conservation goals;
- Protect and expand environmental education, recreation, and wildlife viewing opportunities available to Anchorage residents and visitors; and
- Enhance existing public park resources by expanding protected areas for wildlife.

Frank Rue, Commissioner  
Re: Fish Creek Protection Project  
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The Municipality of Anchorage will contribute \$10,000 towards the acquisition costs and \$5000 of in-kind support including title and Phase I hazard review. The Municipality will hold title to this land in fee simple and manage it as a natural area with a conservation easement held by the Great Land Trust.

Thank you for your efforts to further this important conservation project. I look forward to working with our project partners to conserve Fish Creek Estuary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Posey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jim Posey, Director  
Department of Cultural and Recreational Services

## Appendix C

### HERITAGE LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2005-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HERITAGE LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY APPROVAL FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FROM THE HERITAGE LAND BANK OPERATING FUND BALANCE (221) TO THE HERITAGE LAND BANK CAPITAL FUND (421) AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREAT LAND TRUST FOR ITS PURCHASE OF 32± ACRES OF VACANT LAND COMPRISING WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FISH CREEK ESTUARY, IN ANCHORAGE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) was established to "...manage uncommitted Municipal land and the HLB Fund in a manner designed to benefit the present and future citizens of Anchorage, promote the orderly development, and achieve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan" (AMC 25.40.010), and;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the use of the fund for Heritage Land Bank Operating Budget as provided in AMC Section 25.40.035.B., revenue in the Heritage Land Bank fund may be appropriated by the Mayor and the Anchorage Assembly to the HLB Capital Fund only for the acquisition of land for municipal use, and for improvements to HLB land (AMC 25.40.035.C); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, a Cooperative Agreement between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and The Great Land Trust was signed to protect by acquiring that portion of the Fish Creek estuary and adjacent wetlands more particularly described as Tracts A, B & C, Turnagain Heights Subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the agreement, Great Land Trust was able to secure \$650,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation program on behalf of the Fish Creek Estuary Protection Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage pledged \$10,000 to The Great Land Trust as part of the matching requirement for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project resulted in the acquisition and permanent protection of approximately 32 acres of estuarine and buffering riparian upland habitat in Anchorage to the Parks and Recreation Department of the Municipality of Anchorage as Greenbelt and Open Space Acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the subject property fulfills the vision of the Heritage Land Bank and the Municipality of Anchorage by providing future generations with public open space and greenbelt space primarily along the Coastal Trail,

**NOW THEREFORE, THE HERITAGE LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) is appropriated from the HLB Operating Fund Balance (221) as a contribution to the HLB Capital Improvement Fund (421) for purposes of purchasing reimbursing The Great Land Trust as part of the matching project to acquire those parcels comprising the Fish Creek Estuary.

1 Section 2. That the parcels are designated for public open space for the Municipality of Anchorage.  
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3 Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.  
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6 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the HERITAGE LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMISSION this

7 9<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2005.  
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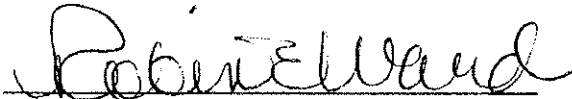
10 APPROVED:

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13 Joffery Blake, Chair

14 Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission  
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17 ATTEST:

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21 Robin E. Ward, Executive Director

22 Heritage Land Bank  
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