

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING MUNICIPAL AND UTILITY COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING RIPARIAN AREAS.

(WNRC Case No. 09-03)

WHEREAS, the Municipal Departments of Planning, Project Management and Engineering, Development Services, and Parks and Recreation have responsibility for greenbelts, riparian setbacks, drainageways, flood control, creek maintenance and water quality; and

WHEREAS, various utilities have existing infrastructure within these areas at risk from flooding and creek migration; and

WHEREAS, because of inconsistent application and understanding of municipal codes and enforcement actions in the past, utility work in creek corridors and drainageways has resulted in impacts to vegetation, creeks, and drainage not consistent with municipal policies and code; and

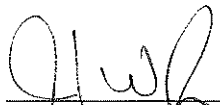
WHEREAS, the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission recognizes that improvements to and maintenance of existing infrastructure and adherence to municipal code is important to public safety, water quality protection, flood attenuation, and fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission reviewed the above issues at its October 21, 2009 regular meeting.

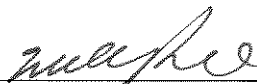
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission that:

- A. The Watershed Management Services Division of the Municipality should work with all utilities to undertake the following actions to reduce conflicts between water resources management and utility infrastructure installation, operations, and maintenance:
1. Institute regular education and coordination meetings with utility companies;
 2. Include procedures and standards for utilities in municipal guidance manuals for creeks, setbacks and drainageways for Best Management Practices, hazard trees, and maintenance of channel stability; and
 3. Work with utility companies to identify and prioritize at-risk, above-ground utilities in riparian corridors and stream setbacks and encourage public and private funding of projects with a goal of mitigating these risks by 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission on the 23rd day of December 2009.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Acting Secretary



William Rice
Chair