

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPROVAL OF THE *CHUGACH ACCESS PLAN* AS
AN ELEMENT OF THE ANCHORAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

(WNRC Case No. 12-02)

WHEREAS, the Watershed & Natural Resources Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, the Assembly, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and municipal departments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, has prepared a *Chugach Access Plan* that identifies existing and future public access locations and types of access along the Chugach State Park interface with the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the *Chugach Access Plan* was developed in conjunction and coordination with the municipal Parks and Recreation and Community Development Departments; and

WHEREAS, it incorporates and reflects extensive public input, and the interests and mandates of federal, state, and municipal agencies, including Parks and Recreation's; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the municipal Community Development Department's Planning Division developed a suite of amendment recommendations to the main Plan in response to public comment and municipal department input, as presented in *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, numerous municipal Comprehensive Plan elements, including *Anchorage 2020*, *Anchorage Bowl Park*, *Natural Resources*, and *Recreation Facility Plan*, *Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan*, and *Hillside District Plan*, reference the importance of maintaining existing and resolving future access needs at the Municipality-Chugach State Park interface, and some of these refer to the *Chugach Access Plan*; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the municipal Legal Department, the Community Development Department is forwarding this state plan to the Anchorage Assembly for adoption as an element of the Municipality of Anchorage's Comprehensive Plan, which by doing so allows the Plan's recommendations to serve as the foundation for future trail and public access dedications in new subdivisions and for future municipal trail and park projects; and

WHEREAS, it is a direct benefit to the public and as an *Anchorage 2020* and other plan implementation action that the Municipality adopt the *Chugach Assess Plan*; and

WHEREAS, at its August 22, 2012 regular meeting, the Watershed & Natural Resources Commission acknowledges the role and importance of this Plan to preserving existing and future Chugach State Park access.

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

- A. Concurs with the recommendations of the municipal Legal and Community Development Departments that the *Chugach Access Plan* with *Exhibit A* should be adopted by the Assembly as an element of the Municipality of Anchorage's Comprehensive Plan under the Parks, Greenbelts, and Recreational Facilities section, with the following two additions:

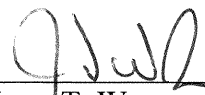
1. Amend the first sentence in the *Acquisitions* section on page 19 to:

Acquisitions of interests in land will be considered on a case by case basis in order to enhance or protect public access, viewsheds, forest communities, wildlife corridors, stream corridors and drainageways, and secure inholdings.


2. Add the following new last sentence in the *Acquisitions* section on page 19:

State and municipal planning staff shall continue to consult with ADF&G with future acquisition and park access developments relative to potential wildlife issues and conflicts.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Watershed & Natural Resources Commission this 22nd day of August, 2012.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Secretary



for Tamás Deák
Chair

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