

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY NATURAL AREA MASTER PLAN.

(WNRC Case No. 12-03)

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

WHEREAS, the Great Land Trust in association with the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department has prepared a *Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area Master Plan* that identifies public access locations, trails, parking and amenities, and overlooks for this new natural area park; and

WHEREAS, the *Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area Master Plan* was developed in conjunction and coordination with the municipal Parks and Recreation Department within a public process; and

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

WHEREAS, numerous municipal Comprehensive Plan elements, including *Anchorage 2020* and *Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan*, reference the importance of maintaining existing and providing for future coastal access in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Creek Estuary conservation easement requires protection of the property's conservation values; prohibits uses and activities that adversely affect maintenance or attainment of the conservation purposes, including paved trails; and further states that in the event of any conflicts between provisions of the conservation easement and any use or zoning restrictions of the Municipality, the more restrictive provisions will apply; and

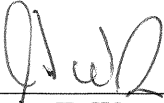
WHEREAS, it is a direct benefit to the public and as an implementation action of *Anchorage 2020* and other plans that the Municipality adopt the *Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area Master Plan*; and

WHEREAS, at its October 24, 2012 regular meeting, the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission reviewed and discussed elements of this draft master plan.

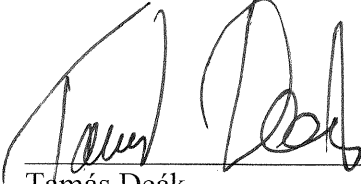
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission concurs with the recommendations of the Draft *Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area Master Plan*, with the following three considerations:

1. The Commission recommends that the master plan give consideration to phasing the planned trails and the access road changes.
2. Should funding not allow for all trails to be constructed at once, the Commission recommends constructing trails 1 and 3 first, then 2 at some later time. The plan should reflect the intent and/or timing of moving the private access road through the park from the northeast to the adjacent private parcel, which eliminates conflicts of public use of the current private drive.
3. The Commission recommends that the master plan not be amended to accommodate the future construction of a wide, paved trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission this 4th day of December 2012.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Secretary



Tamás Deák
Chair

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