

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE *CHESTER CREEK WATERSHED PLAN* AS PROPOSED BY THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

(WNRC Case No. 2014-01)

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WHEREAS, The Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination Plan Permit (“Permit”) that is held jointly between the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is effective from February 1, 2010, to January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the “Permit” requires under Section II-Stormwater Management Program Requirements, Section II.A.3., Watershed Planning, that permittees complete at least two individual watershed plans for specific water bodies before the expiration date of this permit; and the planning process must provide an opportunity for public input.

WHEREAS, each plan must identify priority resources within the watershed, and potential opportunities for storm water infiltration, evapotranspiration or rainfall harvesting/reuse, or other site-based low impact development practices.

WHEREAS, the “Permit” states that: “Each watershed plan should include consideration and discussion of the following principles:

- a) Minimize the amount of impervious surfaces (roads, parking lots, roofs) within each watershed, by minimizing the creation, extension and widening of roads and associated development.
- b) Preserve, protect, create and restore ecologically sensitive areas that provide water quality benefits and serve critical watershed functions. These areas may include, but are not limited to; riparian corridors, headwaters, floodplains and wetlands.
- c) Prevent or reduce thermal impacts to streams, including requiring vegetated buffers along waterways, and disconnecting discharges to surface waters from impervious surfaces such as parking lots.
- d) Seek to avoid or prevent hydromodification of streams and other water bodies caused by development, including roads, highways, and bridges.
- e) Preserve and protect trees, and other vegetation with important evapotranspirative qualities.
- f) Preserve and protect native soils, prevent topsoil stripping, and prevent compaction of soils.”; and

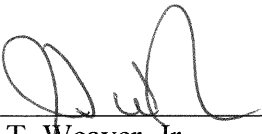
WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has adopted the *Little Campbell Creek Watershed Management Plan* (2007), which will account for one of the two plans; and

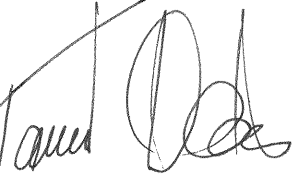
WHEREAS, the updated *Chester Creek Watershed Plan* has been completed as of September 2014, which includes the principles required in the "Permit" and provides the second required plan; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission has reviewed and commented on the *Chester Creek Watershed Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission recommends that the Anchorage Assembly adopt the 2014 *Chester Creek Watershed Plan*.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission on this 22nd day of October, 2014.

  
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Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.  
Secretary

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Tamás Deák  
Chair

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