

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 07-141**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INITIATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE MATANUSKA RIVER TO ADDRESS EROSION MITIGATION, PROTECTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND RIVER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska River is a large, dynamic, glacially-fed river in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska River has eroded land and damaged property and structures in the vicinity of Sutton, Palmer and the Butte; and

WHEREAS, both public and private property owners are impacted by erosion of the river banks due to channel migration of the river across its braid plain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer has public facilities adjacent to the river; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has major roadways including the Glenn Highway and the Old Glenn Highway adjacent to the river; and

WHEREAS, erosion control structures have been built along the river in the Butte area, at the City of Palmer septic treatment plant and along the Glenn Highway, that could potentially impact property owners upstream or downstream by accelerating erosion in the unprotected areas; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no comprehensive plan for river management specifically with regard to erosion control and protection of public facilities; and

WHEREAS, there is no collaborative body with river management

authority; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has legal jurisdiction over the rivers of Alaska including the Matanuska River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly requests the state of Alaska initiate a comprehensive planning process for the Matanuska River corridor from the river source at the Matanuska Glacier to its confluence with the Knik River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the planning process shall include river side property owners, community councils, local government, state and federal agencies including, but not limited to, the City of Palmer, the Department of Transportation, the Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Erosion Control Service Area; and other potentially impacted entities;

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 18 day of December, 2007.

/S/

CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Woods, Houston, Church, Bettine, Wells, and Kluberton