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Public Hearing: May 21, 2018  
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK  
RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough received property  
known as the Settlers Bay Coastal Park abutting Knik Arm in the  
Settlers Bay and Secluded Point subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the borough entered into an agreement with Great  
Land Trust, Inc. to place a Conservation Easement over the subject  
property in perpetuity for purpose of protecting the significant  
natural, scenic, and open space features and values; and

WHEREAS, the property is of great value to the residents of  
the borough and the state of Alaska in general, and is worthy of  
preservation due to its significant aquatic and wildlife  
resources, and diverse terrain of upland forest, estuarine,  
riparian, riverine, and wetland habitat that directly contributes  
to the health of the ecosystem in the region; and

WHEREAS, development of the property is fully outlined in the  
Conservation Easement agreement as delineated in the Document,  
Serial Number 2018-006111 recorded in the Palmer Recording  
District March 30, 2018, to include educational opportunities,

open space for recreation, and controlled trails and rights-of-way within designated use areas; and

WHEREAS, an intensive, focused public involvement campaign was conducted that involved the Settlers Bay Homeowners Association, the Knik-Fairview Community Council and all parties that expressed an interest during the year-long Great Land Trust Acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, the recreation development plan was drafted based on the public input shared since the inception of the coastal park and the requirements of the conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board adopted Resolution No. 18-02 on May 21, 2018 in support of the plan; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission does hereby recommend Assembly adoption of the Settlers Bay Coastal Park Recreation Development Plan.

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ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST

  
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MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)



YES: *Vague, Anderson, Patterson, Cheskre, Elder,*  
*Glasher, and Moisanen*  
NO: