

# **Lake Management Plan Presentation**

**HANDOUTS**

# LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

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Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning  
Commission

Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
Planning Department  
Planning Division  
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## WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS?



- ❖ In 2015 the Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 15-063, which permitted the planning division to put a moratorium on facilitating any new lake management plans for one year.
- ❖ This was passed so the planning team could come up with a new process that was easier for the public and borough employees.
- ❖ A new process was presented in July 2020 and was met with overwhelming negative public feedback. The Planning Commission asked Planning staff to have another discussion in January 2021, but staff vacancies put a hold on this process<sup>2</sup>.



# WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS?

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- ❖ There are currently 41 Lake Management Plans (LMP).
- ❖ Borough Code requires planning staff to compile social, ecological, and economic research for each proposed LMP to draft an individual narrative of values and uses, as well as any proposed regulations. This process can take over one year per plan.
- ❖ Planning Department is proposing to update *how* lakeside communities can request usage restrictions on their lakes to simplify the drafting process.
- ❖ If the new procedure is adopted, there will be no need for future, individual LMPs. Rather, it changes the route (through code) that individuals and neighborhoods can use to suggest restrictions for their lake.





## HOW WILL THIS NEW PROCESS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- ❖ The Planning Division supports giving the lakeside residents of the Borough autonomy over their land and the waters they live and recreate on.
- ❖ **This process would not implement any new regulations or affect previously adopted lake management plans.**
- ❖ It would provide guidance for lake residents by arranging a clear path to choosing the usage restrictions they wish to have on their lake **(if any)**. These regulations would be “a la carte” and specific to the requests of the lakeside residents.
- ❖ Implementing a new procedure through code would be more economical than producing individual plans for the thousands of lakes within the MSB.



# THE PATH FOR NEW OR AMENDED “A LA CARTE” ENFORCEABLE REGULATIONS

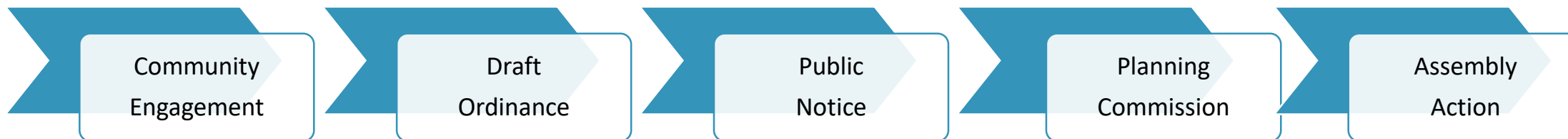
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1. A signed petition requesting the adoption or amendment of regulations will be submitted to the Planning Department.
  - The petition must include the signatures of 50% of the property owners who live within 600 feet upland of the shoreline.
2. If the petition is valid, planning staff will facilitate a public meeting with the lakeside residents.
3. Planning staff will draft a document outlining the chosen restrictions based on resident input.
4. The community will then vote on the draft.
5. If the residents veto the draft, planning staff will hold another meeting with the community to present a second draft for review and vote.
6. When the residents approve the draft, there will be a public notification, 2 Planning Commission meetings and 2 Assembly meetings as needed to change regulations.





## Next Steps: May – October 2021



### ❖ **Community Engagement**

- ❖ Planning staff will arrange several public forum opportunities to hear from lakeside residents.

### ❖ **Draft New Ordinance**

- ❖ Change the authority for amending or initiating new LMP regulations from Title 15 *Planning* to Title 17 *Zoning*.

### ❖ **Public Notice**

- ❖ Planning staff will notify the public for comments on the proposed update.

### ❖ **Planning Commission**

- ❖ Planning staff will introduce the new ordinance to the Planning Commission for comment and approval.

### ❖ **Assembly Action**

- ❖ The MSB Assembly members will vote on the new legislation.





# THANK YOU

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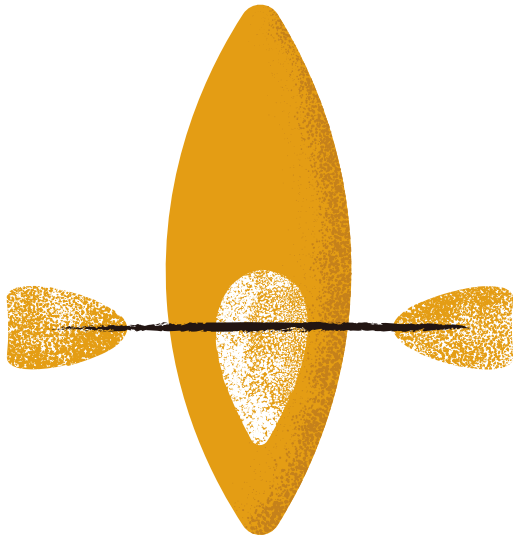
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# Let's Compare Lake Management Plan Processes

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Current	Proposed
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>Borough Code requires that a <i>new</i> plan be written each time a community requests usage restrictions for their lake. We currently have 41 individual plans.</p></div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>The current process to produce a lake management plan takes at least one year; and requires staff to research and draft a narrative that describes the social, environmental and economic values specific to each lake. It also requires 3 public meetings and a ballot system to get a draft plan ready for review.</p></div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>The Planning Division is proposing to update <i>how</i> lakeside communities and the Borough will work together to get residents the use restrictions that make sense for their lake.</p></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>Change Borough Code so that lakeside communities can develop usage restrictions for their lake without the process of writing a new Lake Management Plan.</p></div></div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>The new process will provide clear guidance for lakeside residents in the event that they request new lake usage restrictions.</p></div></div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div><p><b>This new process will not change any existing plans or implement any new regulations.</b></p></div></div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div><p>Implementing a new procedure through code instead of a plan will be easier and clearer for both residents and borough staff.</p></div></div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>

**School Site Selection  
Committee Meeting  
Report by Mary Anderson**

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## School Site Selection Committee report:

The Matanuska Susitna Borough Area School Site Selection Committee has held two meetings this year, February 18th and again last week on April 18th. The committee has been discussing permanent sites for Mat-Su Central School, Birchtree Charter School, and American Charter Academy. These three charter schools are currently located in leased properties and each have specific needs that require new locations for their respective sites. The committee heard testimony from the school district as well as the principals of each of the three schools regarding the need for permanent locations.

Priority is to find suitable MSB owned properties that are located within the areas where each of the schools draw students/teachers. Staff has presented the committee with 8 different sites for consideration as well as information regarding the suitability/feasibility of each site.

The committee has been discussing the MSB parcel on Stringfield Road adjacent to Pioneer Peak Elementary as a possible permanent site for Mat Su Central School as well as the feasibility of co-locating another charter school on the same parcel. The committee postponed action on a resolution recommending this site and requested additional information regarding this site be presented at the next committee meeting in June.

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