

Introduced by:	Mayor, Navarre, Popp, Sprague
Date:	11/06/01
Shortened Hearing:	11/20/01
Action:	Enacted as Amended
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2001-19-18**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING GRANTS AND APPROPRIATING \$395,000 FOR THE  
KENAI RIVER CENTER RIVERBANK RESTORATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough strongly supports the efforts of private individuals and public agencies to protect and preserve the riparian habitat of the Kenai River through restoration and improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the riverbank at the Kenai River Center has suffered significant bank erosion along the entire 567.23 feet of water frontage due to historic bank use by pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Borough to demonstrate, on its own property, suitable riverbank restoration and stabilization practices; to offer safe and environmentally sound public access; and to provide educational opportunities for riverine and riparian habitat ecology; and

**WHEREAS,** through adoption of KPB Resolution 2001-102 the assembly expressed its support for the habitat restoration and education project at the Kenai River Center and the administration's efforts to acquire \$445,000 needed to complete the project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough administration has been successful in receiving supplemental funding in the amount of \$205,000 through various granting agencies for the purpose of habitat restoration, continued public use, and education/training programs that occur at the Center; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has agreed to contribute \$25,000 toward this project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Sportfish Association has agreed to provide \$80,000 of the above \$180,000 but requires that total project funding must be in place before their funds will be released; and

**WHEREAS,** an additional \$75,000 grant was received by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), Community Based Restoration Program, which requires a one-to-one match; and

**WHEREAS,** the NOAA grant administrator required their agreement and paperwork to be completed and returned to them within 15 days. (The agreement was received on October 12, 2001.) That deadline was extended upon our promise to submit the paperwork as soon as possible; therefore, a shortened hearing date is requested; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Soldotna has agreed to contribute \$25,000 toward this project; and

**WHEREAS,** it is desirable to complete the project during the 2002 construction season in order to finish the project within the time frame allowed under the terms of grant provisions; and

**WHEREAS,** having funds available for the total project will allow design and engineering work to begin in early January 2002 and allow the revegetation and stabilization portion of the project to be completed during the time-critical period in April or May when the water level in the River is low; and

**WHEREAS,** additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 have been identified for this project within a grant received under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, which will be addressed in a separate ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the administration will continue to identify additional funding sources that can be used to offset the Borough's amount contributed to the project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor is authorized to execute grant agreements and any other documents necessary to accept grants from Kenai River Sportfish Association, Inc., NOAA, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the City of Soldotna for the Kenai River Center riverbank restoration and education project.

**SECTION 2.** That \$190,000 is appropriated to account 100.94910.00000.47409 from the general fund balance, for transfer to the capital projects fund for the Kenai River Center Riverbank Restoration project.

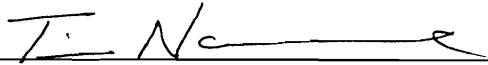
**SECTION 3.** That grant funds and local funds totaling \$395,000 are hereby appropriated to the Kenai River Center Riverbank Restoration project account number 409.21135.02RVR.49999 from the following sources:

<b>Grant Agency</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Kenai River Sportfish Association, Inc.	\$80,000
City of Soldotna (USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Services)	\$25,000
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	\$25,000
NOAA, Community Based Restoration Program	\$75,000
Local Matching Funds for NOAA Grant	\$75,000
Additional Local Funding	\$115,000

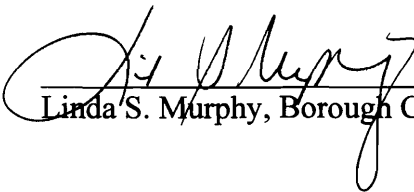
**SECTION 4.** That the appropriations established through this ordinance are of a project length and nature and as such do not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2001.**

  
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Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

