

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	08/19/03
Shortened Hearing:	09/02/03
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2003-19-11**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$68,200 FOR FOREST HEALTH RESTORATION**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough is currently implementing a Forest Health Restoration Program to mitigate the effects of the spruce bark beetle infestation; and
- WHEREAS,** the assembly in Ordinance 2003-21 extended the authorization for emergency harvest of spruce bark beetle killed timber identified as representing a forest fire hazard; and
- WHEREAS,** the KPB is dedicated to reforesting all public land harvested for fuel reduction and through Ordinance 2000-19-19 appropriated \$1,050,000.00 towards reforesting spruce bark beetle infested land; and
- WHEREAS,** the KPB is scheduled to plant approximately 2000 acres at a cost of \$272,800 during the summer of 2004 to rehabilitate Borough-owned land harvested because of the spruce bark beetle infestation; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service ("Forest Service") has funding available for the Borough's Forest Health Restoration Program on a cost-share basis of 25% Forest Service/75% KPB towards 2004 Borough planting costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Planning Department submitted an application to the Forest Service for \$68,200 to supplement its costs of the Forest Health Restoration Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Borough has received notice of award of a grant in the amount of \$68,200; and
- WHEREAS,** the grant program requires a local match in the amount of 75% of the project cost, or \$204,600; and
- WHEREAS,** matching funds in the amount of \$204,600 are currently available for this purpose in the approved Planning Department - Spruce Bark Beetle budget in account 262.21320.01BT3.43011; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to accept and appropriate the Forest Service grant money to benefit the ongoing Borough Forest Health Restoration Program;

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

SECTION 1. That the mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in the amount of \$68,200 for the Borough Forest Health Restoration program and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept the grant.

SECTION 2. That grant funds in the amount of \$68,200 are hereby appropriated to account 262.21320.04FOR.43011.

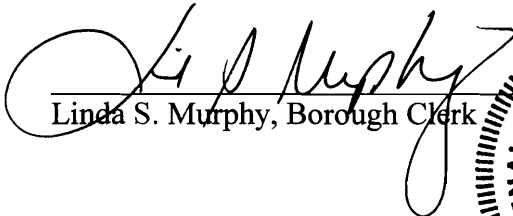
SECTION 3. That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriation established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2003.


Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

