

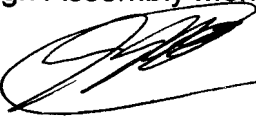


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MEMORANDUM

To: Grace Merkes, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

Through: John Williams, Mayor  Agenda Item N. 12

From: <sup>SW</sup> Scott Walden, OEM Coordinator <sup>by CGP</sup> Committee Finance

Date: September 2, 2008 Page Number 73

Re: USDA National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program

At the last meeting the Assembly had some questions related to the possible buy out program. Here are the answers as requested:

State DHS & EM has expressed interest in the project and may be able to assist in offsetting the match, however no commitment has been made as of today.

Additionally, the State Floodplain Management Office is evaluating the eligibility of individual property owners to receive direct funding to assist in relocation; these funds would likely count as part of the match. Again, no commitment has been made as of today.

Finally, the option of legislative funding assistance remains if the Assembly chooses to request it. The Assembly would need to commit the entire 25% match before the September 22 deadline, and can continue to seek funds to offset the match. Legal is in the process of delineating what the borough envisions as in-kind match services for inclusion in the final agreement.

The project is funding dependent. When funds are expended, the project is complete. There is no requirement to procure all the prioritized parcels.

WHO APPLIED FOR THE GRANT?

The funds were applied for by the USDA Erosion Control office in Kenai under the EWP as a congressional appropriation to the USDA EWP program budget for a pilot program in the Seward area. Once an agreement is in place, the funds are provided to the KPB as a reimbursement grant. Funds were not available to the KPB until the USDA

appropriation was approved by congress and the USDA project successfully climbed a national waiting list.

Following the 2006 flood damage, and during the 2007 spring floods, Homeland Security and a contingent of agencies including DEC, USDA, DOT, DNR, habitat folks, flood board members and other KPB offices including OEM responded to the subdivision to evaluate it during a flood incident and to come up with possible long term mitigation options.

USDA discussed the need for a project in the area, and determined that the Old Mill area would be a good start. The consensus of the multi agency group and hydrologists was that removal of habitable structures was the most cost effective and reasonable solution.

USDA researched the probability of funding and approached the KPB in August 2007 to get a letter requesting such funding be directed to the area in support of the USDA congressional request process.

#### WHEN WAS IT AUTHORIZED?

KPB was informed on August 4th, 2008 that congress had funded a number of projects nationwide and that the Old Mill program was on the national waiting list. USDA met with KPB on August 12 to answer questions and discuss the basic program, and to describe a similar program in Fairbanks. Funding was very likely.

Later that week, USDA provided basic background information, and indicated congress had approved about \$1.3million, requiring a 25% local match. USDA indicated a shortened commitment date of September 22, 2008 was required.

Literally on the afternoon of the August 19 Assembly meeting (lay-down night), USDA provided an agreement draft and reiterated the September 22 drop dead date.

#### WHAT IS THE ASSESSED VALUE?

The ten parcels on the USDA priority list for this project have an assessed value of \$1,687,600.

#### PROVIDE A MAP.

I have attached the Old Mill Neighborhood Petition and an Old Mill project map.



Assessed Value \$1,687,600

SEWARD

GROUSE CREEK

429100

177700

153200

93300

206200

18600

120800

220900

192300

WILLOW

WILLOW

FOREST

TIMBER LANE

75500

OLD MILL

TONGASS

ABIGAIL

Dear *Scott Walker*

May 1, 2008

We are once again asking for help with our rivers in Old Mill Subdivision. Spring is approaching and our rivers,(Lost Creek & No name Creek) need dredging badly. The gravel is extremely high and it is likely we will have flooding problems when the rivers start running. Yearly dredging is the only solution. If done as a river maintenance every spring, a lot of our flooding could be avoided. Please help us with this problem as your roads and bridges are affected by this too.

Sincerely, Judy Rough  
33393 Forest Rd.  
Old Mill



907-224-3561

We the people of "Old Mill Subdivision," do hereby petition the Kenai Peninsula Borough (road maintenance) to help us maintain Lost Creek by annual dredging. Lost Creek needs to be dredge yearly to keep the bridges, roads and private property from flooding.

1. *Judy Rough* - 33393 Forest Rd      224-3561      4/11/08  
     Judy Rough      Seward, AK 99664
2. *Sheela Morrow*      14593 Rain Forest Circle      224-3867      4/11/08  
     Seward, AK 99664
3. *Al Lamberson*      14593 Rainforest Cir.      224-3867      4-11-08  
     Al Lamberson
4. *Cathy Gonzalez*      14694 Willow DR      224-540      4-11-08  
     Cathy Gonzales
5. *Samantha Rough*      33393 Forest rd      206.604.0666      4-12-08  
     Samantha Rough      Seward, AK 99664
6. *Robert T. Crowley*      Forest Rd      243 4727      4-16-08  
     Robert T Crowley      SEWARD, AK 99664
7. *JEFFREY W. O'DELL*      14588 TIMBER LN      224-7679      4/18/08  
     Jeffrey W. O'Dell      SEWARD AK. 99664      791-0256
8. *William C Fesles*      14560 Timber Lane      224-4596      4/19/08  
     William C Fesles      Seward, Alaska
9. *Tommy*      224-3552  
     Timberlane      Seward, Alaska
10. *Carol*      14873 Timberlane      224-5745  
     Bar Dawson      Seward, AK

4/19/08

- | name                                | address                            | phone        | date      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 11. Jeff Roy                        | 14925 Timber Ln                    | 907-214-3762 | 4/19/08   |
| 12. Amy Hankins                     | <del>1458</del><br>15088 Timber Ln | 224-3808     | 4/19/08   |
| 13. Ernie Shellgren                 | 33522 Forest Rd                    | 224-8873     | 4-19-08   |
| 14. LARDEBOARD                      | 14587 Willow circle                | 224-8344     | 4-19-08   |
| 15. Glen T MADSEN                   | 14705 Willow Dr                    | 224-3885     | 4/19/08   |
| 16. Debra Drowdy                    | 14725 Willow Dr.                   | 224-4623     | 4-19-08   |
| 17. Melissa Schaagaard              | 14725 Willow Dr.                   | 224-4675     | 4-19-08   |
| 18. Mike Koyne                      | Willow Dr.                         | 224-5705     | 4-19-08   |
| 19. K. Stephens<br>Tiffany Stephens | 14764 Willow Dr.                   | 224-6855     | 4-19-2008 |
| 20. Stefan Nilsson                  | 14765 Willow Dr.                   | 224-2324     | 4-19-2008 |
| 21. Binget Nilsson                  | 14765 Willow Dr.                   | 224-2324     | 4/19/2008 |

22. John T. Reich 224-5178  
4/18
23. PO Box 545 Seward 224-5614  
Angela McIntosh 224-2772  
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24. Robert E. Wilson 224-5178  
P.O. Box 1541 Seward, AK 99664  
14910 Willow 4/18
25. ROBIN BOLTON 224-5178  
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SEWARD, AK 99664 4/18
26. Emma Vierkandt 368-1391  
PO box 533  
Seward AK 99664 4/18
27. Stephanie Robertson  
PO Box 3116  
Seward, AK 99664 224-3168 4/19
28. Jay Robertson  
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29. Tom Irvin  
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14527 Rainforest Circle  
Seward AK. 224-3534 4-19-08
30. Sharon Irvin  
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Seward, AK 224-3534 4-19-08
31. Josie Millisaw  
14527 Abigail Circle  
Seward AK 224-3715 4/20/08
32. ANEL SIEVERTS  
23137 FOREST PD.  
SEWARD, AK 99664 224-4382 4/20/08

- 33. Matthey Jones 14550 Fairforest 224-2052  
 Matthee Jao
- 34. Charles & Mary Ann Brown 14644 Tongass Lane 491-0082  
 Mary Ann
- 35. Judith M. Williamson Found Rd 907-243-4727 4-20-08  
 Judith M. Williamson Seward, AK. 99664
- 36. Debra Bardick-Hinton 14920 Timber Lane 362-1048 4-25-08  
 Joe Hinton Seward, AK 99664
- 37. Joan & Russell 14825 Moose Creek Rd  
 Kangaroo Seward, AK 99664 24-7140
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