

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)**

**Grant Recipient: Seward**

**Project Title:**

**Seward - Road/ Levee Construction**

**State Funding Requested: \$ 1,750,000**

**House District: 35 - R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Road/Levee Construction.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$2,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$250,000	2008				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The City of Seward is entering the final phase of a decade-long project aimed at protecting millions of dollars in State, Federal, and local infrastructure from significant flooding. In particular, the City is constructing a road/levee at the northern boundary of the City, to prevent Japanese Creek and Resurrection River from causing repeat flood damage to public infrastructure. This project is the final and most extensive phase of a plan to prevent flooding in an area which has experienced tens of millions in flood damage to the Seward Highway, the State airport, Alaska Railroad infrastructure, the Small Boat Harbor, and other industrial infrastructure, in three major flood events over the past twenty years. This project resulted from a multi-agency Flood Mitigation Task Force comprised of representatives from FEMA, the State of Alaska (DOT and Division of Emergency Services), ARRC, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the City of Seward, and other government agencies involved in developing a long-range flood mitigation plan for Seward.

Construction of the new road/levee will not only protect significant public infrastructure assets from flooding. It will also serve as an alternate access to the landfill and rock quarry, resulting in relocating heavy equipment (dump trucks, loaders, garbage trucks, etc.) off of neighborhood residential roads, onto a road designed to meet the capacity of heavier equipment and vehicles. This will also improve the safety of residential neighborhoods currently impacted by heavy equipment and debris.

**Project Timeline:**

Planning phase 2008

Phased construction 2009-2010

*For use by Co-chair Staff Only:*

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**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

The City of Seward

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

## *2008 City of Seward Request for Support From The Governor's Office*

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**Project Title:** Construction of the Levee Road  
**Priority:** #1 Public Facilities  
**Funding Needed:** \$1.7 Million  
**Funding Source:** State and Local Contributions

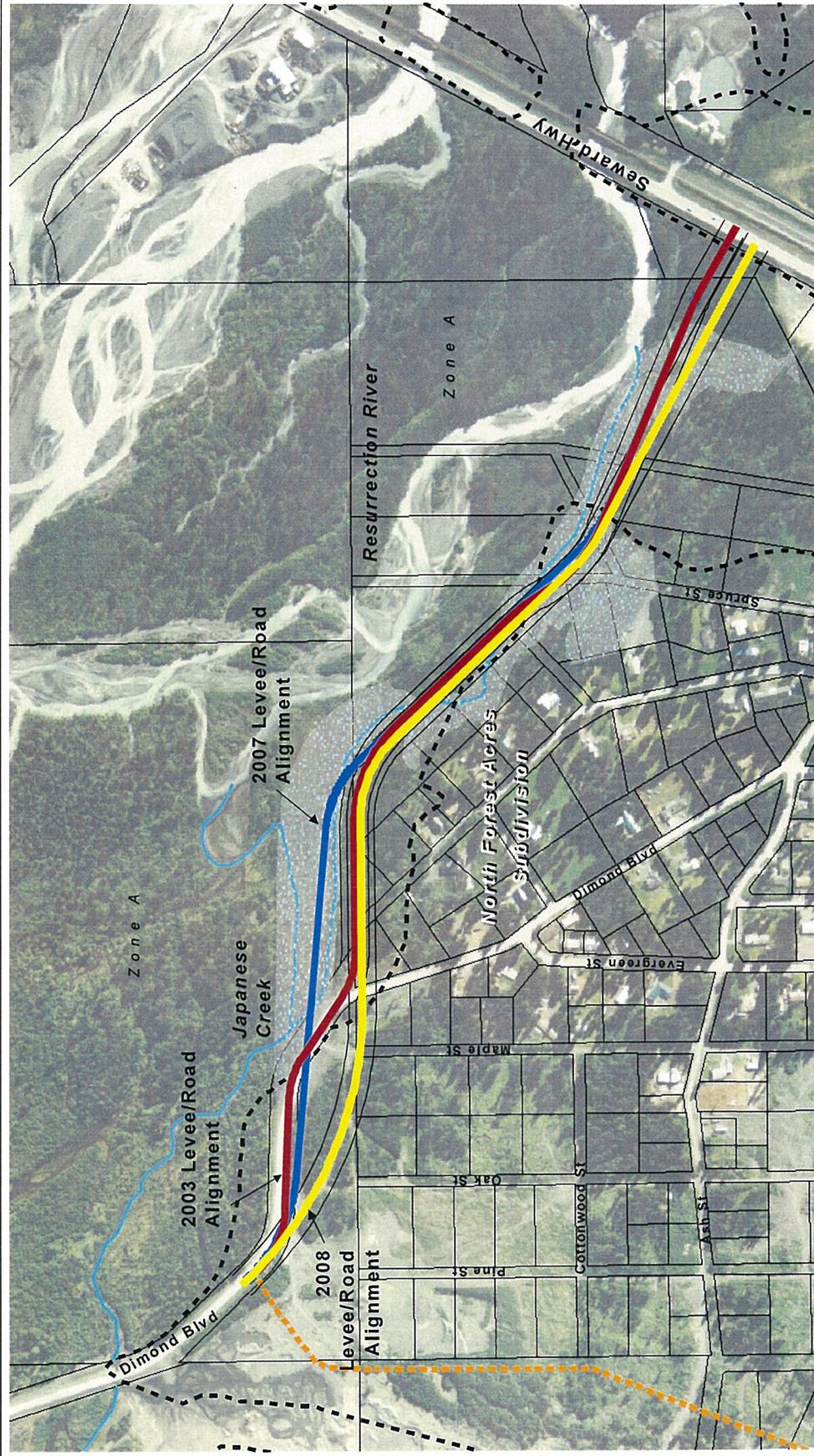
### **Project Justification:**

The construction of the Levee Road is a critical Seward project because it will prevent Japanese Creek and Resurrection River from causing repeat flood damage to public infrastructure. The levee road protects state assets from flooding the airport, the Seward Highway, the Alaska Railroad and critical city infrastructure. Seward will provide a 15% match of \$255,000 and has already obtained \$2.68M from federal sources for this project. The additional \$1.7M provides the remaining funding necessary to complete the project. This project was approved through a public process and city council resolution attached. Input from this project has been obtained from the following federal and state agencies: FEMA, USFWS, US Army Corps, NOAA NMFS, USF&G, KPB, State Flood Plain Manager, State ADOT&PF and the City of Seward. A drawing is attached.

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**Legend**

- 2008 Alignment
- 2003 Alignment
- 2007 Alignment
- - - Existing Levee
- 100-year Flood Zone (Zone A)
- Wetland
- Parcel Boundary

Sources: HDR, Wm. J. Nelson & Associates, AeroMetric, FEMA  
Date: 04/17/08

## Proposed North Forest Acres Levee/Road

