

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Trails Upgrade and Expansion

State Funding Requested: \$150,000**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area (NPRSA) respectfully submits the "Trails Upgrade & Expansion Project" as its number one priority. NPRSA Priority #1.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$150,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$150,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In 2010, the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area (NPRSA) Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation and Timber Sale was completed. The area mitigated was approximately 95 acres around the NPRSA facilities and existing trails system. This project did not come at the expense of the taxpayers, but was funded through federal grants with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Office.

The objective of this project was:

1. Reduce the wild land for hazard by removing fuel loads---COMPLETED.
2. Reduce falling tree hazards to recreational users of the area---COMPLETED.
3. Reduce maintenance costs involved in removing hazard trees along trails---COMPLETED.
4. Accelerate reforestation and improve long term forest growth---COMPLETED.
5. Protect our current lands to create more recreational use and expand trails systems---FUNDING REQUESTED.

The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area has completed the first four steps (see above) of this project, all without an additional financial burden on taxpayers.

The service area is requesting funding to fully complete (step #5 above) this trails expansion project. The project will include upgrading portions of the existing trails and expanding a new trail system that will tie into existing trails and provide for lake access. These trails will be used for hiking, skiing, snow-shoeing and disc golf. The opportunities for varied recreational uses are endless.

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approach of this project. In today's world of development, more and more open spaces and parks are disappearing. We live in Alaska and more specifically in Nikiski because we treasure these types of freedoms. The service area is committed to the community, expanding and protecting existing lands and building on our existing facilities to make them better.

The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area respectfully submits the "Trails Upgrade & Expansion Project" as its number one priority.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Project Timeline:

One to two years post award. Completion may be weather driven considering Alaska's short construction season.

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

KPB/North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

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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



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Year 2012 State Capital Improvement Projects

NORTH PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough / North Peninsula Recreation Service Area

Project Name: Trails Upgrade and Expansion

Project Priority
Ranking: 1

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Funding Plan: The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area will work with KPB Capital Projects Department to develop design and construction of the trails system. The project will be per bidding and purchasing requirements of the KPB. \$15,000 KPB Administration Fee/Capital Project Management/Design, \$35,000 Equipment, \$100,000 Excavation/Materials/Construction.

Funding Request:	\$	150,000	Election District:	Senate:	Q
Total Project Cost:	\$	150,000		House:	34

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How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority?

This project was selected through board meetings and at the recommendation of the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board of Directors.

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteer, money, resolutions, etc.)

The NPRSA Board of Directors unanimously voted this project as a funding priority during the September 2011 monthly board meeting. The NPRSA community survey indicated trails expansion as one of the top priorities.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

The North Peninsula Recreation Service Area has completed the first four steps of this project, all without an additional financial burden on taxpayers.

If a Community Meeting was conducted, how was it advertised? When and where was it held? Who attended?

NPRSA Board of Directors' meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Nikiski Pool administration building. The meetings are advertised through printed advertisement in the local newspaper, public service announcements on local radio, facility bulletin board postings, and the community center reader board. Attendance included the NPRSA Board of Directors, NPRSA Recreation Director and the general public.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

The project will include upgrading portions of the existing trails and expanding a new trail system that will tie into existing trails and provide for lake access.

Who will own the project or facility?

Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the North Peninsula Recreation S.A.

Entity responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of this project:

North Peninsula Recreation Service Area.

How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is complete?

Operations and maintenance will be funded through the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area's annual operating budget.