

SAND LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2011- 06
Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area Infrastructure Funding

WHEREAS, The Sand Lake Community Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Administration and Departments of the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Parks in the Sand Lake area are important for our community; and

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust, a local non-profit, has purchased a 60 acre parcel at the mouth of Campbell Creek which has been turned over to the Municipality as a Natural Resource Use Area, to be managed by the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust forged partnerships for the creation of the Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; NOAA Fisheries; the Army Corps of Engineers; AK Depts. of Natural Resources and Fish and Game; and Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to preserve sensitive wildlife and habitat for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Creek estuary is part of two recognized Important Bird Areas (IBA), which provide essential habitats for birds, the Anchorage Coastal IBA and the Campbell Creek IBA; the Anchorage Coastal IBA is of continental significance; and the Campbell Creek IBA is of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, protection of sensitive Campbell Creek Estuary Natural Area habitats and the wildlife that depends upon it are important so they will continue to exist for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, to prevent degradation of the resource and disturbance and harassment of migratory birds such as breeding and brood-rearing sandhill cranes (between April and September), it is critical to educate the public about pertinent regulations to protect sensitive habitats and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Access to Parks with sufficient parking, requisite educational and regulatory signage, trails and associated infrastructure greatly improves the asset to our community; and

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust is raising \$300,000 to do a Park Plan, design work and trail construction for the Campbell Creek Natural Area; and

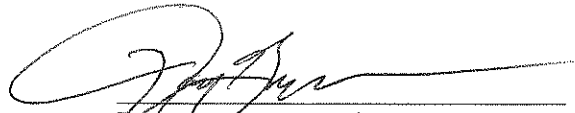
WHEREAS, The Anchorage Park Foundation is a non-profit which strives to build *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust, in partnership with the Anchorage Park Foundation is seeking \$200,000 in funding from the AK Legislature to assist in the building of the parking for the Campbell Creek Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, the trail construction will utilize the Youth Employment in Parks program, which provides jobs and leadership training to local youth in Anchorage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sand Lake Community Council supports The Anchorage Park Foundation and Great Land Trust in their efforts to secure funding from the AK Legislature and others for the construction of parking, collaborative work with agencies and non-governmental organizations, signage, and trails for the Campbell Creek Natural Area;

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sand Lake Community Council this 14th day of November, 2011.

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Dan Burgess, President
Sand Lake Community Council